

St. Peter's Vestry Meeting

October 18, 2010

Attendance:

Clergy: The Reverend Denzil Luckritz

Officers: Senior Warden, Ron Reed; Junior Warden, Carole Dwyer; Clerk, Maureen Tempesta

Vestry: Gerard Armstrong, Mary Beebe, Jeff Callard, Linda Dill, Neil Forster, Nancy Karami, Barbara Spillane

Excused: Jud Breslin, Chuck Gasior

Senior Warden Ron Reed called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. after the recitation of Vespers in the church.

Motion: That the minutes of the September Vestry meeting be accepted as written. Carried

I. Rector's Report

- The Rector will be away from November 1 until November 8.
- He will meet with Neil Forster and Jen McDevitt about the stewardship effort.
- He is working with the clergy on the ordo of clergy service. Each clergy will have one week off each month. One clergy needs to be with the children's service each month, and the frequency of this service might increase to two services each month.
- The Reverend Robert Anthony is now allowed to participate in the liturgical life of the parish after the required absence of the interim with the arrival of the new rector. The rector will meet with the treasurer to establish fair compensation for leading the weekly Bible study.
- Baptisms and marriages are on the schedule for the year.
- A greeter ministry is being organized.
- The altar guild is growing and is doing an excellent job for the parish.
- There has been a positive response to the new bulletin format.

II. Treasurer's Report (Attachment)

Motion: That the treasurer's report be accepted as written. Carried.

III. Stewardship Report – Neil Forster

The kick-off date has not been established yet, but it will be set in the near future.

IV. Capital Campaign – Father Denzil and Linda Dill

- Hard numbers need to be finalized but the committee is three-quarters of the way to accomplishing this task.
- The interview process for the company to run the campaign has narrowed the candidates down to two organizations. Four great companies have competed for the job, and a decision between the finalists will be made in the next week.
- Several individuals have expressed interest in committing to the cornerstone by the end of the year. The wider campaign will not begin until the cornerstone has been established.

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V. Property Committee – Mary Beebe (Attachment)

- **Will Beebe** continues to do a fabulous job on our property. He recently spent six and a half hours trimming trees!!
- A notebook will be maintained in the Church office in order to record maintenance schedules and repairs.

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VI. Nursery School - Nancy Karami, liaison

- Enrollment is down a little this year but Charlene is hopeful that it will even out with students attending for five days each week.
- The Ultimate Girls' Night Out will probably clear around \$4,000.00. It was a very successful event.
- The annual October pancake breakfast will take place next week.
- The Vestry in its discussion of the report agreed that there needs to be a formal contract between the nursery school and the church.

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VII. Christian Education – Gerard Armstrong liaison

- The report is scheduled for November and was misplaced on the agenda.
- A Confirmation class will be organized this year.

VIII. Adult Education

- Bible study takes place on Wednesday morning. A book study was completed during the summer.
- The Sunday forum usually attracts ten to twelve people. The expenditure for dividers to be set up in the parish hall was authorized since it was the consensus of the Vestry that a larger space for the forum would attract more people to the gathering.

IX. Prayer Group – Maureen Tempesta

The St. Peter's prayer group felt called to work on behalf of a mission area and prayed for direction. Their prayers were answered and they are now supporting one student with her tuition at the Bishop Tharp Institute in Haiti and with their prayers. The school is a business and technical junior college for young adults who have finished high school and is directed by The Reverend Hesser Ajax, an Episcopal priest. The group was referred to this school by the diocesan office for the mission. It is the prayer group's hope that others in the parish might feel called to help this school and its students through whole or partial scholarships. The St. Peter's Sunday School might help with the annual Christmas party which the school

gives for local children. For more information please speak with Mary Beebe, Carole Dwyer, Bobbie Grimes, Gretchen Perry, Pat Sherlock or Maureen Tempesta.

X. Cottage Committee Report – Members of the Committee (Frank Lord, Gerard Armstrong, Tim Tudor, Kyle McDevitt, Neil Forster, Ernie Schatz

- The committee is addressing the best way to use the cottage and is doing an energy audit right now.
- There are many possibilities for the cottage such as transitional housing, an on-site space for Con-Serv as it works on the restoration project, diocesan uses, residence for visiting clerics, or even a plain parking lot. No decisions have been made, but the condition of the cottage requires some careful thought about its use right now.

XI. Action Items

1. **Safe windows almost done.**
2. **The upstairs bathroom in the rectory is an ongoing project.**
3. **The door and lock issues in the church have been tabled for now.**
4. **The church insurance needs to be reviewed.**
5. **A commercial refrigerator needs to be procured. The price is the obstacle right now.**
6. **Compliance with the fire report has been completed with the exception of the Nursery School portion.**

X. Vestry Retreat

- A Vestry Retreat will take place on Friday evening Feb. 18 at the church and Saturday Feb. 19 from nine to five at Evensong in Harwich. The fee for each person ,which includes a one hour use of the chapel, is \$75.00. Father Bob Anthony will lead the retreat.

XII. The By-Laws are being amended to allow the annual meeting to take place during the first quarter instead of during June. Most Episcopal churches have their annual meetings during the first quarter, and this time synchronizes well with the annual diocesan report due on March 1.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Linda Dill offered the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Tempesta, Clerk