

Grace Episcopal Church
7 E. Maple Avenue
Merchantville, NJ 08109

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting January 12, 2010

Members Present:	Mother Joan Watson Joan Atkinson Florence Collins	Laurie Morgan Jennifer Short Bette Butler
Members Not Present:	Dave Fisher Kelly Sneddon Chris Costa	Phyllis Mroz Dave Martin, Sr.* Due to family sickness. John Brouse

Because no quorum was present this meeting cannot be considered a "regular" meeting of the Vestry, however, in the interest of capturing and retaining data that is critical to the orderly functioning of the Parish the following information is provided for the Church's records.

Marge Conti, Treasurer, was present.

The meeting began with opening prayer and scripture at 7:10 PM.

Interim Rector's Comments

Mother Joan Watson presented to the Vestry members present a 20 year warranty for the new roof, provided by Jottan, Inc. She paid the aforementioned company \$18,207.00 which, when combined with the \$53,625.00 already paid completed payment for the entire project. Jottan had assessed a \$2,500.00 interest payment and had placed contractor's liens on our buildings because of the ongoing dispute between us. The \$18,207 payment was made once Jottan, Inc. agreed to remove its interest payment demand and the contractor's liens on our buildings. The liens have been removed from our title. Jottan, Inc. advised that a cotter tool should be inserted near the joists every two (2) years to see whether more pitch should be added to the roof. Mother Joan has placed a photo of a cotter tool with other relevant roofing documents.

Update on the Building – Mother Joan Watson reported that Tom and Mike Sweeney of Sweeney Construction Co., Inc., of Lumberton, NJ have been very kind to the congregation of Grace Church. A special report concerning the reconstruction is attached.

Senior Warden's Comments

The Senior Warden has been advised by the Chancellor of the Diocese that she may continue in the position until the Annual Meeting, January 31, 2010.

With respect to the Parish Audit, the Senior Warden distributed a list of audit options for consideration. She also suggested that the new Priest in Charge review the current By-Laws for any changes that may be required.

Junior Warden's Comments

The Boiler: The boiler continues to have issues, but the issues are being addressed. The major accomplishment this month is that the "having to turn on the reset-button" problem is fixed. Petro installed a new motor, alternator and wiring. There is now no rattle; the motor was re-mounted in what the technician considers a better way. The problem was probably a bad motor and excessive vibration. There is still the issue of the zone valve on top of the boiler that is stuck open, causing the downstairs to be heated at all times and, of course, waste oil. On the advice of Tom and Mike Sweeney, this should be fixed at a time when the temperature will be above freezing for several days in a row, as it could take more than a day to fix. I will contact Petro when the weather report indicates this. There is also concern from the technician because the open valve "weeps" steamy water.

On a positive note, our contract with Petro (\$259./year) has already paid for itself several times over with all the technical services we have had.

The Organ Contract: In looking at any ways to save money, I think it would be acceptable to tune the organ only twice a year. That would save \$545.00. I would then write a letter proposing that and have a new contract written.

Snow: Snow was cleared twice in the recent 22 inch snowfall. The service also put down the salt. They clear "anything that is concrete" which includes ramps and steps. **A big thank-you goes out to John Brouse, who cleared both the front and the back walks and steps to the rectory so that it was open Monday morning.**

Treasurer's Comments

We have received a check for \$5,000. from the Deacon estate. Mother Joan has asked the attorney for a copy of the bequest for our records.

End of Year Statements – Mother Joan ordered quarterly type statements for ease of use by parishioners to help them keep up with their pledge. The statements have arrived.

New Consecration Sunday materials have arrived for the Stewardship program originally planned for a Sunday in February.

No budget has been created for 2010. The budget process will begin after the Stewardship program.

Bette Butler motioned and Joan Atkinson seconded that motion that the meeting be adjourned. There was unanimous agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Collins
Clerk of the Vestry
Grace Church