

St. Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes
March 17, 2013, St. Peter's Library, 545 Shasta Ave., Morro Bay, CA

In Attendance: The Rev. Sidney Symington, Rector; Roger Ludin, Senior Warden; Members: Nancy Castle, Bill Bowes, Lynn Enns, Edith Ross, Summer Wathen, Lois Henderson; Bill Morley, Treasurer; Diane Ludin, Assistant Treasurer; Jeanne Small, guest; Judy Burke, Clerk. Excused: Donna Baker and Audrey Gagnon.

Opening Prayer: 12:15 p.m. The Rev. Sidney Symington

Minutes: Correction and approval of the February 24, 2013 minutes: MSC by Nancy Castle and Lynn Enns to approve.

Presentation by Guest, Jeanne Small:

Jeanne made a request that the vestry put together a small group to co-ordinate the color scheme of the painting, flooring, carpeting and drapes that are being considered. The vestry decided that Sid, Summer, Roger and Jeanne would be on this ad hoc "Color Scheme Committee."

Treasurer's Report (attached):

The Treasurer's Report and financial statements were handed out and discussed, with Diane and Bill explaining some of the technicalities, and Diane concluding that we have enough money to maintain the budget this year. Bill reported on the Hugh Brown Charitable Remainder Trust, and that we stand to receive possibly as much as \$40,000. Bill recommends that the \$5,900 withdrawn from the Wellington Soto non-operating fund be set aside to pay for future maintenance projects. He also suggested that \$481.86 be given to Canterbury Club (see below).

Roger reports that the house at 532 Napa is in good shape after repairs and is ready to be rented; he also said that we now have the amount needed for the new TV for the parish hall, thanks to a surprise gift of \$500 from a visitor. It was noted that the Finance Committee includes Donna Baker, Diane Ludin & Bill Bowes.

Report from the Finance Committee: None

Old Business:

Facilities Upkeep:

Bids for the narthex flooring are ongoing; Carrie Trahan is getting bids for the painting of the windows in the sanctuary. The heating system in the sanctuary was discussed – Sid suggested that the metal covers of the baseboard registers do not allow for proper convection and that we might be able to drill holes in the covers to get better air flow.

City Wide Garage Sale:

It was noted that the Garage Sale conflicts with the meeting of the AAUW. They have already accommodated us by changing their regularly scheduled meeting and we shouldn't expect them to change again. Edith asked

if the garage sale was worth bothering with – last year’s sale didn’t bring in that much. The vestry decided not to participate in the city-wide garage sale this year.

Event Calendar:

Nancy Castle reported that the next Supper and Singing will be April 19, with Jodie Mulgrew and others performing – we have to make sure it is well publicized. The first Supper and Singing, March 15, was a wonderful evening – we netted about \$100, and the three performers were paid \$100 each – and, given that it was a first-time effort with this new monthly Friday evening get-together, she was very pleased.

Sid suggested that we try to get a reporter from the local media, like the “New Times,” to cover the next event. Nancy said that the “Sock Hop” is off for now, maybe next year we can do it. She also talked about some of the possible performers for future Supper and Singing events.

Grounds:

Summer asked that we tell the gardener not to work during the Wednesday morning Eucharist, as it is too noisy. Per Nancy: Should we keep the Labyrinth? It has been mowed over and the ropes have been damaged.

Check Signers:

The vestry decided the check signers for Rabo Account # 1603225501 will be Bill Bowes, Sidney Symington, Roger Ludin, Summer Wathen, and Edith Ross, with Bill Morley as Treasure, not a signer: MSC by Bill Bowes and Roger Ludin.

Per Diane: We also need new signers for the safe deposit box – she will have more information at the next meeting.

Junior Warden:

Bill Bowes was appointed Junior Warden: MSC by Summer Wathen and Edith Ross.

Canterbury Club:

Per Roger: the Canterbury BBQ will be October 6, at St. Peter’s. The Vestry discussed how much we should give to Canterbury this year. Bill Bowes asked if we should decide later when we know more about our own finances; Nancy Castle noted that they need to know soon what to expect in the way of financial support, while there were other comments about how they manage their money. Per Sid: Should the Diocese and the rest of the deanery contribute more to the Canterbury ministry? This could be brought up at the next deanery meeting. Lynn asked if we have specifically budgeted for Canterbury Club, and also if the finance committee should meet to discuss the overall budget.

Bill Morley proposed that the \$481.86 from the St. Peter’s at 50 Endowment Fund, which was allocated for outreach at the Dec. 2012 Vestry meeting, be given to Canterbury Club. (Sid added that we could give them the \$481 and then apply that sum as a credit toward our monthly obligation, when we decide on it.) MSC Bill Bowes/Nancy Castle to give \$481.86 to Canterbury Club and to have the finance committee meet before the next Vestry meeting.

Other:

Nancy has contacted the 12-step groups, and they have agreed to donate more for the hall; Roger noted that the Bridge Club is donating generously to use the hall. Nancy said if we want to put the parish hall pews in the patio, we have to weatherize them with marine varnish; she also asked what to do about the microwave, which is mal functioning.

New Business

Sunday School:

Sid reported there were three children today for Sunday school and that Callie Main offered to be a Sunday School teacher. He also proposed that we have a new type of Sunday school: perhaps one person could teach for three Sundays on a particular theme and then have a different teacher and new theme for three Sundays the next month; also, we could use a new curriculum; Nancy suggested we talk with Lenny about SS materials. Summer asked if we could have the Sunday School program start after Easter, beginning April 7.

Other:

Roger asked Sid what percentage he wants designated for his housing. Sid decided on \$24,000 for housing: MSC Bill Bowes and Summer Wathen.

Nancy Castle reported that Betty Winholtz would like to use the church and parish hall for a "Save the Parks" concert – some members raised questions about liability and tax issues surrounding this event. Others noted that it might be too controversial politically. After some discussion, the vestry decided against offering our facilities for it.

Rector's Report:

Sid said he is happy to be here and that his institution service will be some time in June.

Senior Warden's Report:

All is running smoothly. Roger has been putting in 3 or 4 hours a day as senior warden (and doing extra things like changing light bulbs) and expects to be easing up on his duties, now that Sid is here and more people are offering to help out.

Closing Prayer: The Rev. Sidney Symington, at 2:00 p.m.

Next Vestry meeting is April 21

Roger Ludin, Senior Warden _____

Judy Burke, Clerk of the Vestry _____