

St. Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes (Draft)

April 14, 2013, St. Peter's Library, 545 Shasta Ave., Morro Bay, CA

Present: Sid Symington, Rector; Roger Ludin, Senior Warden; Bill Bowes, Junior Warden; Bill Morley, Treasurer; Diane Ludin, Assistant Treasurer; Members: Donna Baker, Edith Ross, Lynn Enns, Summer Wathen, Nancy Castle, Lois Henderson; Excused: Audrey Gagnon. Guest: Jeanne Small

Opening Prayer: Roger Ludin

Jeanne gave an update on the painting and the parish hall entry doors and noted that Julia Held will be a new member of the ad hoc painting committee. She suggested that the double doors should be used as the main entrance to the parish hall instead of going through the bathroom area; we could have an awning and some potted plants on either side of the double doors, which would make for a more inviting entrance. Bill Bowes: the windows will be painted white and the painter, Rick Albro will be here Monday, 4/15 to start on them. A discussion about the doors to the parish hall followed. Bill Bowes said he will review prices and configurations for the doors. Nancy suggested checking to see if they have any doors at Habitat for Humanity resale store.

The Minutes for March 17th were approved with the following correction: Sid's "institution" was changed to "installation."

Finance Committee Report:

Bill Morley reported on the Finance Committee meeting (attached). In part because of lower than anticipated interest income the finance committee modified the Wellington fund to pay dividends but continue to reinvest capital gains.

Rector's Discretionary Fund: MSC to add \$200 a month to the Discretionary fund and that the church's financial reports should not show the activity of the Rector's Discretionary fund.

Treasurer's Report (attached):

Bill Morley: We depend too much on income other than pledges and fund raisers; we need more emphasis on stewardship and increasing pledges from those who can give more. Each vestry member could take a more active role in promoting stewardship.

Facilities upkeep:

Discussion of the doors, whether to get new ones or paint and fix up the existing ones. Sid: do what we can now with upkeep; for instance with the doors, if we can just paint them; do that, instead of waiting for a better fix (like brand new doors) a year or two from now.Roger: we should get the money for painting from the Wellington fund not the memorial fund. Summer Wathen sent an E mail to the vestry with suggestions from the ad hoc painting committee regarding the doors (attached) . . . MSC: Bill Bowes and Nancy Castle to paint all the outer doors to the church blue (except the oak front doors)

and all the parish hall outer doors white, except that the double door on the left (nearest the bathroom hall door) will be blue, to emphasize it as the entrance to the parish hall....Roger asked that vestry members check around the church and make suggestions for improvements by the May 19th vestry meeting. . . Bill will check prices for tile for the narthex . . .

Event Calendar

Nancy: June 15 is “Mighty Fine Fish Fry” by Morro Bay Women for Fisheries

Sept. 14 is St. Peter’s barbecue . . . Nancy knows a gospel singer who may be interested in singing at one of our services.

Canterbury Club:

Susan’s e mail about Canterbury club was discussed (see attachment). . . Roger: We’ll put off discussion of Canterbury club finance.

New Business:

Church cleaning:

The Vestry discussed an e mail from Susan regarding her talk with Scott about cleaning (see attachment). . . Lynn suggested that we have a consistent cleaning plan, e.g. for cleaning up after an event. . . Lynn will meet with Susan to review Scott’s cleaning routine.

Unison Cell Tower Proposal: (see attachment).

The pros and cons of Unison’s proposal to buy out our income stream from Sprint was discussed; Bill Morley thought it wasn’t a good idea for us. It was decided that we need more information and Sid said he would look into it in greater detail.

Rector’s Report:

Sid said that three families with children will meet with him April 28 to work out a new Sunday School program; he also discussed the importance of a good newcomers’ ministry and said he had been busy with home visitations. He also noted the confusion over St. Peter’s facebook page.

Senior Warden’s Report:

Everything is going along well – nothing unusual to report.

Next Meeting: Sunday, May 19, 2013, at 12:15 p.m.

Roger Ludin, Senior Warden _____

Judy Burke, Clerk of the Vestry _____