

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

545 Shasta Ave. Morro Bay

June 30, 2013

Present: Vestry members Roger Ludin, Senior Warden; Bill Bowes, Junior Warden; Donna Baker, Summer Wathen, Lois Henderson, Lynn Enns, Bill Bowes, Audrey Gagnon, Nancy Castle, Edith Ross; Sidney Symington, Rector; Bill Morley, Treasurer; Diane Ludin, Assistant Treasurer; Judy Burke, Clerk
Opening prayer: Fr. Symington

Minutes: MSC Bill Bowes and Edith Ross to approve the draft minutes of the May 19th meeting

Treasurer's Report

Lower income is expected during the summer, but money from the Hugh Brown Trust should be received soon, eventually close to \$50,000. Bill Morley suggested that the Hugh Brown money could be put into a fund which could assist rectors to purchase housing on the basis that the funds advanced would be returned (with an appropriate shared gain) at such time as the house is sold or if the rector purchases the St. Peter's interest at the then current market value. In that way the fund would be available for future rectors.

Finance Committee Report

No Report

Old Business

Maintenance List Update (enclosed)

Sid: the Maintenance List Update should be a regular report at every vestry meeting. Bill Bowes said the door to the boiler enclosure will be painted. MSC Nancy and Sid for Bill Bowes to hire Rick Albro to pressure wash the front doors of the church for \$475. There was a discussion of the fence around the Sprint equipment next to the parish hall; Diane suggested we could put a mural there and invite the community to help fill it in; Nancy and Diane will form an ad hoc committee to get ideas for a possible mural. Sid: we should deal with the Pride of Madera bush at the corner of Shasta and Driftwood which impedes motorists' vision; it was agreed this was a priority and Carlos can get rid of it. Bill Bowes: we need to repair the holes in the kitchen floor. The vestry discussed possibly replacing the floor.

Sunday School

Sid reported that the Sunday school is going along nicely, and he encouraged anyone who wanted to help with this. Some suggestions for future Sunday school workshops: Involve the children in making food for coffee hour (eg. Using recipes from the Bible) and Nancy said we could teach them how to use video cameras.

Parish Health Program

Sid: the Parish Nurse program is a good resource for the congregation; it can encourage people to pay attention to health matters and get regular checkups. Could the church hold a first aid class? Lynn could do a demonstration of CPR. Lynn: we could include health information in the "Pebble" and the "Rock." We should receive more "Vials of Life" soon, to put out in the narthex.

Web Pages

The problems with the web pages were discussed. MSC Sid and Bill Bowes to let Bill Morley get a debit card to pay for the Web Pages. Nancy: we could completely redo our web site with the help of Nancy's server. Nancy and Bill Morley will get together to discuss web site issues.

Fish Fry

Nancy: the Fish Fry at St. Peter's will be July 27 at 5 p.m. The vestry discussed selling alcohol at the Fish Fry; we could talk to Brian Nordwick about the insurance and legal issues involved.

Installation

Sid thanked everyone for their work on the installation. Lynn asked about how we account for money received from special events, if it is over or under the cost of putting on the event. Donna asked what happened to the search committee funds. The vestry agreed to leave that question for the next meeting.

New Business

Concert Protocol

The Vestry discussed what to do with the proceeds of concerts at St. Peter's. Sid questioned how appropriate it was for third parties to use St. Peter's as a venue for concerts to further their careers. St. Peter's should collect the money and decide how it is disbursed.

Feeding the hungry

Nancy talked about the Estero Bay Alliance for Care and their work to feed the hungry in Morro Bay, and the vestry discussed the issue. Nancy suggested that St. Peter's could work with the EBAC and with Meals on Wheels to develop a program that would help feed those under 60 years of age who at this time are not covered by Meals on Wheels. Nancy talked about having a PR campaign and other ideas to raise funds.

Other

MSC Bill Bowes & Lynn Enns for Sidney Symington to be a signatory on the "St. Peter's Rector's Discretionary Fund" checking account at Rabo Bank.

Sid suggested that St. Peter's nominate Lenny Erickson when Episcopal Church Women vote on their "Honored Woman of the Year."

Sid: Do we have a consistent outreach program? Bill Morley: We have the "St. Peter's at Fifty" program whose interest we use for outreach.

Sid: There is a sex-offender who wants to start coming to St. Peter's. Sid will report back on that. The Chamber of Commerce was discussed and Sid offered to go their mixers.

Sid asked for volunteers for the TENS webcast here. Nancy and Bill offered to help. Summer said she would buy snacks but couldn't be present July 12th or 13th. Nancy said she could help July 13th.

Senior Warden's Report

Roger said he has been changing a lot of light bulbs in the parish hall, and they are quite expensive. It was suggested that we could put only two light bulbs in those fixtures instead of three, but then it might not be light enough. Roger also put up a plaque in the narthex to honor Bill and Barbara Benz.

Sid closed the meeting with a prayer.

The next Vestry meeting will be August 18.

Roger Ludin, Senior Warden _____

Judy Burke, Clerk of the Vestry _____