

St. Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes (draft)
October 20, 2013, 12:15 p.m. St. Peter's Library, 545 Shasta Ave., Morro Bay, CA

Present: Sidney Symington, Rector, Bill Bowes, Junior Warden, Nancy Castle, Audrey Gagnon, Lois Henderson, Edith Ross, Donna Baker, Lynn Enns; Bill Morley, treasurer (first part of meeting); excused: Roger Ludin, Senior Warden, Diane Ludin, Assistant Treasurer, and Summer Wathen

Sidney opened the meeting with a prayer.

MSC Nancy and Lynn to approve Sept. 15 minutes

Finance Committee and Treasurer's Report:

Bill Bowes: we are projected to end the year about \$7000 short (previously forecast deficit was \$20,000); attendance continues to increase. Discussion of new accounting program "Icon CMO": a sample financial report was passed around, generally thought program was good, will cost \$400 plus annually; concern was raised that the new program could allow E mail addresses to be abused, but that concern was answered; Motion: Lynn and Nancy: to accept this new program. Bill Bowes: We should talk to at least 2 other churches that use this program, so, Amended MSC Nancy and Lynn: to consult with other churches before getting this program.

Maintenance: see hand-out; tile work on kitchen, bathroom and bathroom hall will be done Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, Oct, 30 and 31, and Nov. 1; 12 step groups that meet on Thursday and Saturday will be notified that bathrooms will not be available; Nancy suggested special painting and decoration for the hallway, eg. tromp l'oeil, which she will look into further with Carrie Trahan.

Sunday School: Sid: Sunday School is coming along nicely; he suggested it would be good to have Sunday School for the middle two Sundays of the month; Lynn will do Sunday School for November. Sid is an "on-line administrator" of the "Safe Church Program."

Canterbury Club: Canterbury got \$3000 from their BBQ here; How much should St. Peters allocate for Canterbury next year; it was suggested we get a report about their activities? – Sid will ask Berkeley about that.

Stewardship: The Stewardship Packet was discussed; the goal is to get it out by Nov. 1; Sid described the packet and will send it out to the vestry for their comments. Sid gave his thoughts on using the word "pledge." After discussion the vestry thought that the word "pledge" should be replaced with more positive words like "estimate of giving" or "estimate of offering."

New Business:

Annual Meeting: MSC Bill Bowes and Lynn Enns: to have the annual meeting after the service Jan. 26, 2014. There will be one service, at 10 a.m., followed by the "Meet and Eat" annual meeting and potluck.

E-Mail reports of the annual meeting will be sent to the congregation and a few hard copies will be available; Summer Wathen, Bill Bowes and Roger Ludin will go off the vestry; the Senior Warden will chair the nominating committee for new vestry members.

Brian Nordwick: Brian will be here Dec. 3, from 5 to 8 p.m. to help us with our "five-year plan." Before his visit we should survey the congregation about what ideas they have for the future of St. Peter's. Bill Bowes will prepare a survey to send out to people. The goal is to give Brian the results of the survey in advance of his visit, so he will know what issues are important to us.

Sid reported on a letter from the bishop which outlined a new program of "Congregational Transformation," led by Eric Law. This entails a series of four workshops from Nov. to the Spring of 2014. Sid will go to the first one, November 1st and 2nd, and report back so that others can decide if they want to participate in later ones.

Salvation Army Bell Ringers: Donna will keep a list of those who volunteer to be bell ringers for the Salvation Army this Christmas season.

Rectors Report:

The funeral for Karen Bailey was much appreciated by the Bailey family, and they made a large donation to the rector's discretionary fund, which has been given to St. Peter's. Deacon Gay Blundell will officiate and preach Dec. 8 while Sid is in New York. The Advent Festival dates were in question; Edith will check with Marti (originally on Dec. 15?). The Christmas Eve service will be at 9 p.m., with no Christmas Day service. There will be no service Thanksgiving Day. There will be a Christmas Pageant Dec. 29, with Lenny in charge. Sid's family will be here over Christmas and they would like to present a dramatic reading of Dicken's A Christmas Carol, to take place Christmas Eve, at 4 p.m.

Next vestry meeting: November 17th.

Roger Ludin, Senior Warden _____

Judy Burke, Clerk of the Vestry _____