

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

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

**Minutes Correction and Approval**

MSC Bill Bowes and Lynn Enns to accept the November 13 minutes.

**Treasurer's Report**

Bill Morley reported on his arrangements to open a brokerage account with Charles Schwab. A donor wishes to give stock to the church. A question was raised about whether it was necessary for all the vestry members to sign on to the account. MSC Sid and Nancy to open an account with Charles Schwab. Bill also reported that the stewardship letter was well received.

**Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee will meet January 8, 9, or 10 to finalize the budget.

**Junior Warden's Report - Maintenance**

The window near the east outer door to the church has been repaired; the threshold between the parish hall and the bathroom hall will be fixed. The total cost of painting and flooring in the bathrooms and kitchen amounts to about \$10,000 (from the Bill Benz memorial). The bathroom hall entrance door to the parish hall needs to be replaced.

**Old Business**

**Canterbury Club** - No report

**Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting will be January 26, 2014 with a potluck and then the meeting (service will be at 10 a.m.) Roger reported that two people have agreed to serve on the vestry and there is also a probable third candidate. Vestry discussed the procedure for electing and installing the new vestry (Bill Bowes, Summer Wathen, and Roger Ludin are leaving the vestry).

**Preparedness Planning**

There will be more information about preparedness planning at the next vestry meeting; it was suggested that we ask St. Stephen's what they are doing to prepare for disasters.

**Brian Nordwick Visit**

Sid reported on Brian's meeting with the vestry to help us plot a course for the next few years; there were valuable questions raised, e.g., "How do our neighbors perceive us?" It would be good for us to work on any misperceptions that the larger community might have about St. Peter's.

### **New Business:**

The vestry discussed adding Troy's statistical analysis of the congregational survey to the Pebble. Nancy reported on her efforts to publicize events at St. Peter's and suggested that next year we set up a more systematic publicity campaign. Sid talked about the "Archbishop Romero Murals" which are on tour now around the state; we could have an "Epiphany Tea" in connection with the Romero exhibit at St. Peter's.

Roger reported on a possible gift of a baby grand piano for the parish hall; Diane suggested we distribute a new directory to the congregation. The new on-line directory is available through the new ICON system.

Nancy reported on the Food Group and the new feeding program at the Vets Hall; St. Peter's will do the serving on the second Monday in January. Nancy: it would be good if we could enlarge the group and have more community involvement. Donna reported on St. Peter's participation as Salvation Army bell ringers.

### **Rector's Report**

Sid talked about his trip to Washington, D.C. and New York and his appointment to the Diocesan Board of Trustees. The vestry discussed the possible times for future Bible Study.

### **Senior Warden's Report**

Roger spent many hours preparing the Advent program. Next week he will supervise the Greening of the Church.

**The next Vestry Meeting is January 19, 2014**