

Vestry Minutes (draft)
St. Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church
August 17, 2014, 12:15 p.m. St. Peter's Library, 545 Shasta Ave., Morro Bay, CA

Present: Sidney Symington, Rector; Lynn Enns, Senior Warden; Edith Ross, Donna Baker, Nancy Castle, Diane Ludin, Bill Blundell

Excused: Callie Main, Junior Warden; Lois Henderson, Audrey Gagnon; Bill Morley, Treasurer

1. Sidney opened the meeting with a prayer
2. The minutes of the July 20 meeting were approved with corrections.
3. Old Business
 - A. There was a discussion of the proposed contract for outside performing groups at St. Peter's (see attachment). We will have to let Nancy Cohen, the Diocesan Chancellor look at it, before we decide to adopt it.
 - B. BBQ Report – Callie wasn't here for the report, so Edith relayed some of what Callie told her, most importantly that Steve Main will do the barbecuing. The BBQ committee (Callie, Edith, Nancy, and Donna) will decide whether to have chicken or beef.
 - C. The Outreach Committee will meet sometime during the first three weeks of September.
 - D. The carpet will be installed in the two offices, the library, and the other two rooms in the parish hall the second week in September.

4. New Business

Name tags: Vestry members can add their committee assignments to their Sunday name tags.

A proposed “widows and widowers support group” - Donna and Lynn will organize such a group, open to the whole community as well as St. Peter's, and will meet at St. Peter's and at other venues (homes, café's, other community rooms).

5. Jr. Warden's Report: NA, Callie excused.

6. Senior Warden's Report

Barbara Miller's Ordination, August 15, was well attended by the vestry.

St. Benedict's Baptismal Ministry Class was very good (handout attached) and similar to what we are doing at St. Peter's with our caring group.

Sid: We have all been given gifts for ministry, and this model of greater lay participation will only grow in the future.

Bill Morley sent word that he has transferred the money as per the motion at last vestry meeting. [From the July 20 minutes: MSC Diane Ludin & Nancy Castle: We will transfer \$90,000 from the Soto Fund (the Vanguard Wellington Fund) to the St. Peter's at 50 Fund (the Vanguard Star Fund), from which 5% per year will be spent for outreach and managed by the Vestry's new Outreach Committee.]

7. Rector's Report

Special thanks to Barbara Miller for her leadership during Sid's vacation. Barbara would like to be involved with an adult education class. Visiting preacher Bill Sell Lee would also like to teach an adult ed unit, with the suggested topic "how to make use of the talents of retired people". . . . Sid will be gone August 20 and back for the August 31 service. . . . Canterbury wants to have their barbecue here, probably the first weekend in October.

Sid shared a letter (see attachment) from Susan Arnold, outlining her progress at Church Divinity School of the Pacific and thanking St. Peter's for our support. The vestry noted how well she is doing and voted to continue financial support. MSC (Bill Blundell and Nancy Castle) to give Susan \$2000 toward her tuition at CDSP for the coming academic year. The Finance Committee will decide which fund to take the \$2000 out of, provided it is not the outreach fund.

8. Vestry Members Reports:

Lynn: Who will be the new stewardship chair? Possible candidates: Audrey Gagnon and Bill Bowes. . . . Lynn will do the Pebble while Sid is away. August 24 will be Morning Prayer, with Jim Arnold presiding at 8:00, Lynn at 10:30, and Nancy doing the homily. Lynn suggested rearranging the library with new furniture, to make it more inviting.

Nancy: She is willing to help kitchen users save water . . . She suggested that we could have a Java Chat at the Rock Coffee Shop, around the corner from the Top Dog Café.

9. Sid closed the meeting with a prayer at 1:30

The next vestry meeting is September 21, at 12:15 p.m.