

St. Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes (draft)
February 16, 2014, 12:15 p.m. St. Peter's Library, 545 Shasta Ave., Morro Bay, CA

Present: Sidney Symington, Rector, Lynn Enns, Senior Warden, Bill Morley Treasurer, Members, Bill Blundell, Audrey Gagnon, Lois Henderson, Callie Main, Nancy Castle, Donna Baker, Edith Ross.
Absent: Diane Ludin

Opening Prayer by Sidney.

Minutes of January 19, 2014 meeting: re Canterbury Club, last sentence should read: "discuss the" instead of "decide about"

MSC: Callie Main elected new Junior Warden

Order and Conduct of Vestry Meetings

Once a quarter the vestry will get a financial report. Additions to the agenda may be added at the beginning of the meeting. Guests will speak at the beginning of the meeting. Old business motions will be voted on. New business motions may be voted on if there has been enough background information made available before the meeting. Before we adjourn, each member will be asked if they have any comments.

Old Business: Canterbury Club

Sid noted that, although our budget does not include money for Canterbury Club, we do help them through our volunteer efforts, like their annual barbecue here, and those things should be thought of as contributions. He suggested that it would be a good idea for the vestry to have a "Mission Conversation" separate from the regular budget discussions we have at vestry meetings, as these budget discussions are supposed to be about maintaining the church; we shouldn't get sidetracked with lengthy "brainstorming sessions" about outreach. The vestry might want to have a "Mission Conversation" at the upcoming Vestry Retreat in Cambria.

New Business

The Vestry Retreat will be at Cambria Pines Lodge, March 11 and 12. We'll plan to check in about 3 p.m. March 11, and gather in the lounge at 5:30. We will meet at 9 a.m. the next morning and finish up about 2 p.m. Sid asked that each vestry member think about the mission of the vestry, and how we can work toward having a unified, cohesive vestry.

Rector's Report

The vestry welcomed Callie Main and Bill Blundell. Sid said he has had a lot of "learning opportunities" lately from the diocese, e.g. a week at Berkeley devoted to the "Congregational Transformation Project," which helps to foster cooperation among communities. Along these lines, Sid has recruited Jim Arnold for this project, for example, doing volunteer work at the prison (which Sid has been doing lately.) The Crossan lectures in SLO have generated a lot of interest; several people St. Peter's will be attending.

Sid also talked about the disaster preparedness training (CERT) that he is taking at the Fire Department, and how valuable it is for everybody to know what to do in an emergency. He is also now has a three-year term on the Board of Trustees of the Diocese. For the Lenten program, one idea is to have “Psalms as News.” The food group is a very positive development. Individual vestry members might consider helping out with the Sunday School.

Vestry Member Reports/Consideration of future items

Junior Warden, Callie Main, did a survey of the church campus – arranged for Troy to fix one of the towel dispensers.

Altar Guild: Donna reported that the fair linens are more expensive than we thought, so we will be buying only one. Edith noted that Lynn will do some embroidery on them.

Nancy said she was pleased that the food group is going along well.

Health Ministry: Lynn will have a blood pressure clinic at coffee hour, February 23, and after that there will be a hike, starting at 2 p.m.

Sid closed the meeting with a prayer.

Next Vestry meeting is March 16.