

Bud read the draft of the new Mission Statement for discussion: The mission of St. Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church is to be the Church - a thriving household for people on their faith journey - by radiating Christ's Love: bearing witness to our community with hope, compassion, inclusion and service.

The term household was approved. It was suggested to add spiritually before the word thriving. After several other grammatical changes it was agreed to put the Mission Statement in the Rock newsletter for the congregation to comment on before final acceptance. The draft statement will be introduced with acknowledgment of the old statement. Bud will email to Roger Ludin right away so it will be in the next issue of The Rock. Bud will also email the Mission Statement with the corrections above mentioned to the Vestry.

Rector:

Harriet went over the schedule for Holy Week. Maundy Thursday services will be held at 10:00 AM and 7:30 PM. The stripping of the altar and set up of the Altar of Repose will follow the conclusion of the 7:30 PM service. The Good Friday Liturgy will be at 7:30 PM. The Easter Eve Great Vigil with baptism of two children new to St. Peter's will be at 7:30 PM. Easter morning services will be at 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM. Jan Swanson will be the organist for Palm Sunday. An organist is still needed for Easter. She will not be participating in the Easter Sunrise Service at the Rock again this year. Due to some questionable views presented at last year's Good Friday Ecumenical Worship with the churches on Anchor St, Harriet suggested St. Peter's not participate this year. Frank moved, Diane Ludin seconded, and it was carried to accept Harriet's decision. St. Peter's will be open for meditation as St. Peter's participation on Good Friday. Donna Baker pointed out that with these decisions we need to make clear that St. Peter's is not withdrawing from community activities.

Guest:

The Reverend Donna Ross reviewed the results of the Vestry's retreat on February 3rd. She said the Vestry did a good job of identifying what "feeds" the people of St. Peter's and what the challenges are. She handed out the results.

What feeds us was put into 4 categories:

1. *Participating in worship--Liturgy*
2. *Belonging to community--Fellowship, working toward a common goal*
3. *Growing in faith--Inspiration, spiritual connection...*
4. *Serving others--finding opportunities to serve*

Challenges also were put into 4 categories:

1. *Discernment--what projects to work on, generations to appeal to, keeping God at the center*
2. *Spanning the generation gap--not giving up on drawing younger people*
3. *Making ourselves known in the wider community*
4. *Use well all the tremendous resources we already have.*

She then handed out a list of 4 goals based on the above:

1. *Inspiring worship--music, sermon discussion by lay, ways to offer more spiritual discussion*
2. *Improve parish organization and teamwork--education, appropriate communication styles*
3. *Grow in numbers and in service--make ourselves known in the wider community*

4. Improve St. Peter's presentation to the wider community--physical presentation

There has been a monthly Wardens meeting established, the first of which was on February 23rd. At this meeting the establishing of 5 committees to be responsible was discussed. The suggested names for these committees are:

Worship Committee,

Stewardship or Ministry Committee

Growth and Outreach Committee

Building and Grounds Committee

Mutual Ministry Committee

It was suggested to add stewardship to the name of each committee. The Vestry was charged to work on this from March through August and then to have a review in September on how "we" are doing. Cris Rose, former senior warden, will lead the Mutual Ministry Review Committee. It was suggested to put the accepted Mission Statement in the Parish Hall as well as on the website. After going over the second chapter of the new vestry books, Donna asked the Vestry to read through chapter 3 before the next vestry meeting. Diane Ludin praised Donna Ross for doing a good job of making negatives into positives. Jim pointed out these goals need to be long term. Donna Ross thanked and gave encouragement to the Vestry before she departed.

Other Business:

Harriet said the Remain Episcopal groups in the San Joaquin Diocese need supplies. Jolyon moved, Jim seconded, and it was carried to let the Rector use discretion on what St. Peter's sends. This may include prayer books, altar books, and possibly the older sanctuary cross, after checking about the Campbell family, the donors.

Donna Baker suggested the Vestry meet at a different time other than Sunday afternoon. It was agreed to revisit after more options have been considered.

Prayers for the Vestry will be added to prayers of the people.

Diane Ludin pointed out that St. Peter's spends \$60.00 a month for an ad in the Sun Bulletin and suggested to pull the ad. She also suggested the Bay News may be less expensive. Harriet mentioned that personal invitation is proven to be the best way to bring people into the church. It was pointed out that all media should be used to get St. Peter's name out to the wider community and that the Sun Bulletin reaches every household from Cayucos to Los Osos. It was decided to leave the ad for now and revisit pulling it at a later time.

Susan Johnson provided the KSBY community calendar address to get St. Peter's events out to the community. It is 1772 Calle Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405. Events need to be received three weeks in advance.

Meeting for next month set for March 16, 2008 at 12:30pm.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjournment moved, seconded, and carried. The meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer at 2:50pm.

Approved by: _____
Harriet B Linville, Rector

Recorded by: _____
Susan L. Johnson, Clerk

