

Annual Meeting Minutes – January 25, 2009 – Church Parish Hall

Call To Order: The annual meeting of St. Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church was called to order at 10:25a.m., followed by an opening prayer.

Minutes Approval: Annual meeting 2008 minutes not available. Vestry will provide 2008 minutes.

Nominations for vestry service: Junior Warden Diane Ludin moved the nominations of the following:

3 year terms: Dan Bogart, Shirley Dean, Ellen Pool

1 Year term: Judy Gallo.

Ballots were distributed. Bud Zeuschner collected the completed ballots. Bill Morley talked about the United Blood Services blood drive at St. Peter's. A Poster will be distributed advertising the blood drive. Blood donators will receive a coupon for a free pancake supper at St. Peter's Shrove Tuesday event and a free Marie Callender's pie. Donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds. There will also be a free cholesterol screening. He also announced that St. Peter's is now listed as a participant on USA.org.

Upcoming events: Bud went over the upcoming events calendar.

Bill Morley and Carrie Trahan will oversee the Prado Meals.

Shrove Tuesday pancake supper will be February 24th.

Jo Johnson will present a Lenten video series on various religious topics, which will include a light soup and sandwich dinner. Volunteers will be needed to provide the dinners.

On March 22nd the Reader's Theater will present, "The Inspector Calls". Cris gave a summary of the 2008 Mutual Ministry Review results, which was also published in The Rock. She and Donna Ross met with each of St. Peter's teams to define their work, hopes, and dreams. Each team chose a task or two to be priority for 2009. These will be discussed at the Vestry Retreat, which will be on February 6th and 7th at Stephen's in San Luis Obispo.

It was noted that St. Peter's Mutual Ministry Review survey was unique because all in the congregation were invited to participate.

At this time the focus of the meeting turned to the vestry officers reports. The meeting attendees were reminded that the Junior Warden is known as the People's Warden and is chosen by the vestry. The Senior Warden is chosen by the Rector.

Junior Warden: During her time as Junior Warden Diane Ludin's time and

energy has been devoted to promoting and finding funding for St. Peter's music program. Diane also spoke of her experience during the Mutual Ministry Review and said that she had reservations about the validity of it but the results were very good and made her a believer in the need for it. The vestry voted to add to the duties of the Junior Warden to include being responsible for current programs, brainstorm for new ones, and coordinate them.

She also noted that she and Judy Burke handle the publicity for St. Peter's programs.

Sandy Gordon thanked the people who work behind the scenes at St. Peter's, such as Judy Gallo and Barbara Greenidge.

Senior Warden: Bud echoed her thanks and also added thanks to Walt Schob for his work as treasurer as well as the vestry and delegates. He noted that the vestry does not work alone. He also said the goal of our calendar events is to share what we do. The vestry voted to change the contribution of \$1.00 per member from the Millennium Development Goals to giving to the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, as the budget adopted by the vestry for 2009 did not include a formal donation to CDSP.

Rector: Harriet read the mission statement adopted by the vestry in 2008 at the beginning of the Mutual Ministry Review. She asked everyone to think about what we as a congregation dream about now and for the future. She then gave a short inspiring talk to get the people of St. Peter's to think about what their contribution to the community of Jesus is. Defining community, she said, "a community is a gathering for purpose and is made up of volunteers."

Harriet thanked Charlie Erickson for his support and for preaching every 5th Sunday, to which Charlie Erickson reciprocated his thanks for being able to. She thanked the vestry for their work on the Mutual Ministry Review and for support and love during her difficult personal time last year. She also was grateful for the love and support of Assisting Bishop Sylvestre Romero and our new Diocesan Bishop Mary Gray-Reeves.

Harriet will begin meeting with small groups in February for preparation of and feedback on sermons. She handed out signup sheets for the first 3 sessions.

2009 Budget: See annual Treasurer's report.

There was discussion on ideas for fundraising for 2009. Cris Rose and Jeanne Small will check into a program by Albertson's that donates a percentage of purchases to the charity of your choice.

Results of voting and appointments.

Dan Bogart, Shirley Dean, and Ellen Pool were elected to three year terms on the Vestry. Judy Gallo was elected to a one year term.

Bud Zeuschner was reappointed as Senior Warden.

Walt Schob was reappointed as Treasurer.

Susan Johnson was reappointed as Clerk.

Delegates to the Deanery and convention are Cris Rose, Diane Ludin, Bill Morley; Dianne Ellis, Carrie Trahan, and Jeanne Small are alternates.

Donna Baker and Edith Ross were reappointed as Altar Guild co-directors.

Rector's closing comments:

Harriet then addressed some questions she thought the congregation might have about her ideas for her future and about her view of her role at St. Peter's. She says she has no calling to serve on the diocesan level, either as staff or bishop. She is happy to be a parish priest and especially happy to be parish priest at St. Peter's. Then she said she wanted to make sure everyone knows she is available for phone calls. Her cell phone and home phone both have voice mail. Prompt and direct communication with parishioners and community member is essential to our mission and ministry. Please understand that pastoral emergencies take precedence, then the normal and regular aspects of parish life. In order to attend to any aspect of parish life, she must be appropriately informed, in person, by phone call, e-mail to hlinville@charter.net, in writing. Sunday morning is for worship and fellowship, greeting guests. Routine issues need to be addressed during the week. Let her know immediately of pastoral emergencies. She reminded everyone, however, they must let her know of a need. She said she cannot respond if she doesn't know.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:45a.m. with a closing prayer.

Approved by: _____

Harriet B Linville, Rector

Recorded by: _____

Susan L. Johnson, Clerk