

Annual Meeting Minutes – January 17, 2010 – Church Parish Hall

Call To Order: The annual meeting of St. Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church was called to order at 10:45a.m., followed by an opening prayer.

An attendance sign in sheet was passed to all attendees.

Spiritual Reflection: Harriet used the hymn 569, "God, the omnipotent", which was the first one sung in the worship service as the basis for her reflection. The hymn speaks of the request to God for "peace in our time." Harriet stated that peace in our time can be brought about by everyone working together internationally.

Minutes Approval: Bill Morley made the motion, Cris Rose seconded and the motion was carried to accept the minutes of the January 25, 2009 Annual Meeting.

Nominations for vestry service: With thank you to Judy Gallo, Dianne Ellis, and Jim Arnold for their Vestry service, the nominations to fill the 3 vacancies which are all three year terms was opened. It was noted that Diane Ludin had already volunteered to serve so her name was the first to be nominated. Susan Johnson and Bill Morley also offered their services. As there were no other nominations offered, Don Rose made the motion to accept the nominees and close nominations. Barbara Hoose seconded. Jeanne Small suggested approval by acclamation which was accepted by all meeting attendees.

Nominations for Deanery Delegates: Diane Ludin also volunteered as did Susan Johnson. After a little discussion Jim Arnold also agreed to be nominated. Dianne Ellis, Nancy Castle, and Dee Bowes agreed and were nominated to be delegate alternates. Again, Jeanne Small suggested approval by acclamation which was agreed on by all meeting attendees.

Because the By-laws require voting by ballot, ballots were distributed and all were instructed to write in the nominees and mark the boxes even though a verbal vote had been taken and approved. The ballots will be kept for 1 year.

Mutual Ministry Review update: Cris Rose gave a synopsis of what a Mutual Ministry Review is. She gave the definition as the process whereby we have a clear pattern to identify goals, how to accomplish them and keep track of the progress. St. Peter's vestry had begun the Mutual Ministry Review process in 2008. However, due to circumstances of various kinds, in 2009 other issues took precedence and so not much was done. She plans to meet with the Vestry in February or March to resume the process.

Senior Warden: Bud Zueschner pointed out the mural on the bulletin board that Ellen Pool had drawn of a vine branch with leaves. He said it represents the people of St. Peter's and what they have done and what they are doing. He listed many accomplishments of the past year. The Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner, the Lenten Series with soup suppers (with special thanks to Jo Johnson), the Fish Fry benefit for the CCWF (with special thanks to Diane Ludin and Susan Johnson), the Apple Pie Social, the barbeque (with special thanks to the Hoose family), The city wide yard sale participation, the Credo Quartet from Russia, bi-monthly Saturday meals for the Prado Day Center (with special thanks to the Putneys, Ericksons, Zueschners, Ludins, Roses, and Morleys), and Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols (with special thanks to Marti Lindholm) were just some of these accomplishments. It was mentioned also, that there are 12 people from St. Peter's involved with the Meals on Wheels program for those who unable to prepare meals for themselves. He thanked Jim Arnold, Judy Gallo, Dianne Ellis for their service

on the Vestry and Susan Johnson for her service as Vestry Clerk. He called all to look at the new year 2010 as the Year of Invitation to fellowship, fun, and food.

Junior Warden: Ellen Pool reminded everyone that the office of Junior Warden is known as the People's Warden. This means that she will be keeping her ears open to the needs of the people of St. Peter's and relay it to the Vestry and Rector. In keeping with this she has already begun the process of involving St. Peter's in the Morro Bay City-Wide Yard Sale that takes place on April 10th by paying the necessary fee to get St. Peter's on the list. She is working on the idea of offering soup and sandwiches--for a donation, of course.

Events and Activities: Dianne Ellis coordinated the photo sessions with the photographers for St. Peter's new Pictorial Directory. She will be working with Roger Ludin on the format. She also encouraged anyone who was unable to make a photo session to see Roger Ludin to have a picture taken to be included in the directory.

2010 Budget: See the attached Annual Meeting Treasurer's Report. Walt Schob first thanked the finance committee, Bill Morley, Donna Baker, Edith Ross, and Mac Greenidge for their work on getting the budget information together and in a format to present to the Vestry. Walt went over the main parts of the budget. Although most of the financial report was predictably negative, he was able to give the good news that St. Peter's was able to donate \$1,193.63 to the Church Divinity School of the Pacific which was \$400.00 more than required. The Sound Solution donations were met as well. He announced his retirement as Treasurer effective January, 2011. He would like to begin training his replacement as soon as possible so encouraged any who are interested in becoming Treasurer, to let it be known.

Rector: Harriet said she had spoken to Brian Nordwick who is a deacon and the administrator for the Diocese of El Camino Real. He told her that other rectors are saying their congregations are facing similar deficits in their budgets as St. Peter's. One small congregation found that they were \$20,000.00 short. People in the congregation began to think how they were called to be ministers of good the news of Jesus. One person said "I will increase my pledge by \$2,000.00 at their annual meeting. By the end of the meeting they had met their deficit and more. Harriet said she had been thinking and praying for a long time about how to talk about generous giving. She reminded everyone of the wonderful things all have enjoyed at St. Peter's. Without more pledges there will be no Easter music, no Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols, no events. There is no money to pay Marti Lindholm even though she is happy to be part time. Harriet said she was raising her pledge by 1%. She then had some paper leaves and pieces of colored paper to passed to all at the meeting. She said these are for you to decide what you can give to St. Peter's. She encouraged all to put down what they "can do" and pin it on the vine on board.

Other: Bill Bowes has gotten a bid of \$3,000.00 to completely landscape St. Peter's grounds from Richard McVickers who is the gardener that several of St. Peter's members use.

Sprint may be starting work soon.

Jeanne Small reported that sadly, after a lot of work to try to qualify for the Albertson's donation Partnership program, Albertson's has chosen to end the program.

Bill Morley reminded all that the more people that go to St. Peter's website, the more

likely it will come up first in a web search.

Frank Fiedler updated the barbeque status. Just as it looked as if St. Peter's would be better off renting one, Clint Hoose has offered to build a new one at a nominal cost.

Bill Morley handed out flyers to be put out around town advertising the Pancake Supper on February 16th.

There were lots of thank yous to various members of St. Peter's including Roger Ludin for his photography and work on The Rock and Bill Morley for his work on the website. Judy Burke, Bud, Ellen, Walt, Lee, Frank and Robin, Donna Baker, Edith Ross, Charlie Erickson, and Paul Valentiner were among many others who were thanked for their gifts of time and talent to St. Peter's.

Election Results and Appointments: The ballots were collected and the results announced.

New vestry members: Diane Ludin, Susan Johnson, and Bill Morley-all 3 year terms.

New deanery delegates: Diane Ludin, Susan Johnson, and Jim Arnold.

Deanery delegate alternates: Dianne Ellis, Nancy Castle and Dee Bowes.

Harriet announced that Diane Ludin had accepted appointment as the new Senior Warden. Edith Ross and Donna Baker will continue as Altar Guild leaders.

The appointment of a new vestry clerk has not yet been made.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25p.m.

Approved by: _____
Harriet B Linville, Rector

Recorded by: _____
Susan L. Johnson, Clerk