

St. Aidan's Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
16 April 2009, 7 pm

Attendees: Rob Wood, Keith Oglesby Harmony Kiser Terry Ledford, Bob French, Blair Hendrickson, Andrea Manos, Jim Skinner, David Freeman, Joey Sargent, Gregory Smith, Jim Smith, Richard Schuetze, Betsy Jones

1. Devotion: David Freeman
2. Approval of Agenda
 - a) Approval of March Minutes Unanimous with following revisions:
 - Joe to changed to Joey
 - Phrase “9 minutes: removed
3. Financial report
 - a) \$15,000 behind to date in regular contributions.
 - b) We agreed to halt any non-essential spending until we have a better view of the dip in contributions (specifically if it is a dip or a cliff).
 - c) We will wait on Easter contributions and input from Finance Committee recommendations to make any changes in budget allocations
4. Green Team: Scotti Bozeman spoke
 - a) Activities
 - Recycling: Looking for another trash contract that would include recycling. Looking for way to go forward with recycling bins. Currently looking for a way to at least get recycling bins for Sunday Breakfast and then take the recyclables to Roswell Recycling. Coordinate with breakfast team.
 - Composting: They have a Master Gardener who is willing to help us put together composting guidelines. Jerry Hood has found some potential locations for composting in the woods.
 - b) Consciousness raising
 - Weigh the waste from the picnic
 - Sort through the waste in the dumpster
 - Sell reusable bags to the parish. Potential slogan: “This fragile earth, our island home.” Coordinate with breakfast team.
 - Discussion of role of vestry in decisions: money and coordination, not micromanagement
 - c) Other possibilities
 - People adopt something, like weather-stripping
 - Behavioral change like thermostat settings
 - Web page, Betty Hood
 - d) Areas of oversight - Parish Life, Buildings and Grounds
 - e) The team was asked to bring a written proposal to the Vestry when they had some of these details worked out in committee.
5. Small Group Discussions: group broke up to discuss the church's mission statement
 - a) Christian Education, Pastoral Care, PR
 - b) Stewardship, Worship, Shepherds, Communication
 - c) Outreach, Building and Grounds, Parish Life
6. St. Aidan's Vestry Stewardship Statement: Discussion; Fr. Keith will send out a draft.
7. Sr. Warden's report
 - a) Attendance has been high in 2009 so far for these first months

- b) Walkway moisture problem update
- 8. Jr. Warden's report
 - a) Moving along on the cottage. Bathroom habitable by end of month.
 - b) Need to schedule spring cleaning for Saturday
 - c) Preschool cleaning (May 16?)
 - d) Printer cartridge and pill bottle bins are out now: David Ford is charge of cartridges.
 - e) Thank you to everyone involved in Holy Week Services
- 9. Ass't Rector's Report
 - a) VPOD Instructions
 - If people need a check on Sunday, Richard is putting check instructions in the VPOD manual. If there are no checks, you can tell people that the office will mail checks on Monday. If they are adamant, Father Rob has said that he is available after he is done visiting with parishioners at 1 p.m..
 - VPOD should also check in to children's chapel and ask an adult if any child needs restroom. Take child directly to narthex if needing restroom.
 - b) Be sure to sign up kids for JAM. Volunteer if you can.
 - c) Newcomer's dinner on 3 May: Harmony, Betsy, Jim, and Jim.
 - d) Newcomer's class starting Sunday.
- 10. Rector's Report
 - a) Anglicanism class is a hit so continuing through into May.
 - b) Taking summer off from Bible Study
 - c) Rector's forum is doing Serious Answers to Hard Questions
 - d) Dip in Palm Sunday numbers due to Spring Break
 - e) Choir Risers: Making progress on a plan
 - f) Easter Week and Easter liturgies went exceptionally well this year
 - g) Some concerns about burnout and turnover in ministries
 - h) Oak tree struck by lightning; we'll watch and monitor it
 - i) General convention coming up in July, which Fr. Rob will attend
- 11. New Business
 - a) Be sure you come to Safeguarding God's Children if you need it
 - b) Betsy shared about the rehearsal for the Easter Vigil: Overheard kid's saying they love being Episcopalian
 - c) Birmingham Park Clean Up service project on April 25.
 - d) Betsy shared about results of gift to Don Bosco Beatitudes Catholic Mission in Vyasarpai, Chennai, India. Diddie Chocallo sent pictures of 12 children supported for a year by a gift of \$1000.

Respectfully submitted
Gregory Smith