

St. Aidan's Episcopal Church  
Vestry Minutes  
Wednesday, August 23, 7:00 p.m.

Attendees: Rob Wood, Bobbe Frank, Becky Sullivan, Mark Thompson, Pete Sansom, Mary Katherine Nix, Theo Manos, Cathy Schlect, Clark Miller, Elwyn Alexander, Joel Shepard, Jim Myers, Patrice Skinner, Barry Mansell (Treasurer) Debby Flynn (clerk).

1. Opening a short Holy Eucharist and devotion by Pete Sansom
2. Approval of agenda- unanimous approval
3. Approval of July minutes
4. Stewardship Discussion- Jim Myers led a discussion about stewardship using "The Parish Paper" as a reference. Topics covered include 7 myths of Stewardship and 7 principles of stewardship.
5. Finance Report

Bob French discussed the 2005 audit that was just completed. The audit was successful; all the paperwork was in order making the auditor's job a lot easier. The committee has all the paperwork prepared to send to the Diocese.

  - a. The committee would recommend that the audit be done in February after the books close in January next year.
  - b. The audit was handed out for the Vestry review. The vestry will review and vote on at the next meeting.
  - c. July Finance Report- Barry reviewed this month report- Expense YTD are on target. The expenses are only 58% of budget YTD, the only line exceeding what was budgeted is utilities which we can't control.
  - d. Building Fund- We have paid \$40,000 this year to the building fund. YTD we have reduced the principal by \$64,000.
  - e. We currently have \$ 54,000 in the reserve fund.
  - f. Proposed 2007 Budget- Handout given for review, Total proposed budget is \$509,000. All ministries to review and make sure nothing was left out. Early corrections to include: Fire protection service, Musicians, Assistant Rector.
  - g. Expense to consider, Centennial Celebration, this is Diocesan function, the expectation is that each parish pledge 1% of expected income. No decision made on this yet.
6. Rector's Report
  - a. Fr. Rob is happy to report that our staff is gearing up. Betsey has a more regular schedule which helps out in the office. Lee and David have been very successful in bringing in new people to teach Sunday school. We need to think about classroom management, esp need to make sure all the classes are meeting in the most appropriate area. The next focus is to bring the Nursery and childcare up a notch.
  - b. Fr. Rob is going alter his schedule on Tuesday's. Since he is at the church on many Tuesday evenings, he is going to take some time during the late afternoon to be at home when the girls get off the bus.
  - c. Nicholas Beasley has officially declined our offer.
  - d. There is now the potential of having a seminarian from Emory, this person would be available 10-12 hours a week, Fr Rob would supervise, the cost would be \$45.00/week. A motion was made to look for someone for this position; motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
  - e. Children's garden: Lee is going to start this project; discussion was had concerning the upkeep during the summer months.
  - f. Fr. Rob would like to allocate money for the Deacon's travel fund. He may share some of the discretionary fund with Carole too.
  - g. Mothers Morning Out: Could not get this program off the ground for the fall. May try for 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.

- h. Liturgical Arts Committee: Will meet again in September, are done with the big planning, will be ready to present to the parish in a few months.
- i. Appeal to the Diocese on our 2007 assessment is in. We will wait on their response.
- 7. Sr. Warden's Report  
Elwyn is very please with all the positive things that are going on in the church.
- 8. Jr. Warden's Report  
The buildings are starting to need more maintenance, maybe need a sexton. Since there is not really money in the budget for a sexton at this time, maybe we could develop a list of parishioners that are able to do certain types of maintenance.
- 9. New Business
  - a. Open house is going OK are going to move the tables around so some Ministries will be more visible.
  - b. Next Vestry meeting will be September 28, at 7:00 PM
- 10. Old Business
  - a. Fire Protection Services-Pete got three estimates – the one that he feels would be the best Simplix Grannell- they will provide the most service and is slightly cheaper than the other two estimates. The cost would be \$2,706. The company will inspect and let us know what needs to be fixed. They can fix things but that would be an additional charge. We already know some things that need to be fixed, we need to either buy new fire extinguishers are maintenance the ones we have. A motion was made to bring the fire extinguisher up to code and start a contact in January. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
  - b. Capital Campaign: Discussion was had concerning combining the capital campaign and Stewardship. The majority of the Vestry would like to see both campaigns combined and to take place in the fall.
  - c. Vestry to meet with Evans-Davis on Sunday and be prepared to take a vote at that time.
  - c. Baseball Complex: Fr Rob and a few others from the church met with the City of Alpharetta Convention and Visitor person. They expressed their concerns about traffic, parking and the fact that the maps they are using do not correctly reflect the church's property boundaries. Fr. Rob asked that the maps that they are using to "sell" the project be re-drawn. The next step is a meeting at City Hall on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Anyone is welcome to attend this meeting.
  - d. Delegates for the Diocesan Council- a motion was made to have Dana French and Joel Shepard attend again this year and have the 3<sup>rd</sup> person decided by at large nominations. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously
  - e. Memorial Garden- The committee was formed to plan this project- members include Cathy Schlecht , Suzanne Harris, Holly Hendrickson, Joan Cowart.
- 11. Action Steps Review
  - a. Audit Report
  - b. Open house review

Meeting concluded with a prayer led by Fr. Rob

*Respectfully submitted by Debby Flynn, Clerk*