

**St. Aidan's Episcopal Church**  
**Vestry Minutes**  
**Thursday, February 19, 2009 – 7 PM**

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

1. Opening Prayer/Devotion: Bob French

- *Millennium Development Goals:*

1. *Feed the Hungry*
2. *Educate All Children*
3. *Empower Women*
4. *Save Children's Lives*
5. *Keep Motherhood Safe*
6. *Heal the Sick*
7. *Care for the Environment*
8. *Work Together to Heal the World*

- *Bishop Alexander—discussed an example of helping the poor by providing podiatry care to the homeless.*

2. Approval of agenda—approved.

3. Approval of January 2008 minutes—approved.

4. Fr. Rob and Bishop Alexander

- Fr. Rob discussed that he and Sarah will be getting a divorce which will be official as of March 19, 2009.
- Bishop Alexander discussed that he has been aware of the situation for many months and has had knowledge of the counseling, therapy and work that Fr. Rob and Sarah have put into trying to work out their relationship. Bishop Alexander is satisfied with the work they have put in to trying to work through this and he supports (as much as he can) their decision. Under the Canons of the church and under procedures of the Diocese, Fr. Rob's future at St. Aidan's is Bishop Alexander's decision. However, he will not make that decision without the advice of the vestry. Bishop Alexander asked Fr. Rob to leave the room so he could discuss this with the vestry.
- The Vestry and Bishop Alexander agreed that Fr. Rob should remain as the Rector at St. Aidan's.
- Letter to Parish will go out soon from Fr. Rob and the Senior Warden.

5. 2008 Parochial report submitted for vestry approval (see Attachment "D")

- 874 total communicants (this includes active baptized and others who are active whose baptisms are not recorded in the Parish register, or in another Episcopal congregation).
- Large number of communicants under 16 years of age n=244.
- Low number of funerals, large number of baptisms.
- Rob moved to accept the Parochial report and the motion passed unanimously.
- Fr. Rob suggested to Harmony to add the Parochial report to shepherd list.

#### 6. Vestry Retreat follow-up:

At St. Aidan's, our mission is "To Know Christ and Make Him Known." To live into that mission, the clergy and vestry hope that parishioners at St. Aidan's will

1. Participate regularly in Sunday Worship.
  2. Foster an atmosphere of invitation and hospitality at St. Aidan's and in the community.
  3. Grow in faith through spiritual disciplines such as Bible study, Christian Education, prayer and development of personal talents.
  4. Serve others faithfully both in and out of St. Aidan's.
  5. Join in Stewardship with financial support such as a pledge based on a percent of income.
- A suggestion was made to laminate these as bookmarks. Harmony agreed to facilitate this occurring.

#### 7. Brief Review of the Finance Report for Jan 2009 (see Attachment "E")

- These finance reports will be reviewed on a quarterly basis
- Jim Myers will attend vestry meetings and review reports quarterly or more frequently as needed.

#### 8. Warden's Reports:

- Sr. Warden's Report
  - Choir risers—Fr. Rob asked John to purchase a piano dolly. Encourage folks to not move the piano due to damage to hardwood floors. There was a discussion about a 45 degree angle set up.
  - A suggestion was made for having a cleaning day for the storage areas--need to have this in conjunction with cottage construction so that we can have one dumpster for both projects. Have stakeholders for particular closets here on the clean out day. March 7<sup>th</sup> is the agreed upon day.
  - Lift High the Cross celebration on March 15<sup>th</sup> during breakfast. Laurie Foley and her team will celebrate what we have accomplished thus far.

- We had a good showing at the Newcomer's Dinner. It was a first class event.
- Jr. Warden's Report (see Attachment "C")
  - Walkway—Richard has talked to Gary Nix about specifics.
  - Cottage—Jim Fredrickson agreed to lead the project.
    - 1<sup>st</sup> step—clean out furniture on March 7<sup>th</sup>
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> step—demolish bathroom
    - Also need to clean out closets
  - Rental contract conference call
    - Being more selective with events that are held here
    - Raising rates (there is a non-parishioner rate and a parishioner rate)

9. Assistant Rector's Report – see Attachment "A"

10. Rector's Report – see Attachment "B"

11. New Business

- Betsy reviewed how she gets participation for her areas of focus/committees (provided handout--attached).
- Diocesan Ministry Fair sign up

11. Old Business

Dates to Remember

- Next Vestry meeting: March 26<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm
- Shrove Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> and Ash Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>
- Lenten Soup suppers: Creation Care

Meeting concluded with a prayer led by Rob  
*Respectfully submitted by Laurin Lausier*

**Attachment A**  
Assistant Rector's Report  
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**5 Primary Areas of Responsibility**

- **Christian Education**
  - JAM Christ. Ed. committee met on February 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss what's working/not working; possible changes to JAM; and VBS. One concern— "unsupervised children." Keith has contacted parents and asks VPOD's to be aware of this.
  - On February 8<sup>th</sup>, began a new rotation in JAM called "Adventures of Paul."
  - Seven adults were confirmed or received when bishop visited on January 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - Youth confirmation class is up and running with nine students. Tentative plan for another adult confirmation class after Easter.
  - Newcomers' class planned for March, but no one has signed-up yet.
  - VBS dates set for June 8-12; planning committees are up and running.
  
- **Pastoral Care**
  - Continued to call/meet with parishioners who have health or marriage/family issues.
  - Beginning proactive contact with parishioners just to "check in" pastorally.
  - Gregory Smith and Susan Griffis have initiated a monthly potluck dinner to address various pastoral care related issues.
  
- **Parish Life (new)**
  - Need to schedule planning meeting with Jim Skinner and David Freeman in order to review and discuss parish life calendar.
  
- **PR & Evangelism**
  - Calling visitors who complete cards will be done by Fr. Rob going forward.
  - Newcomers Dinner occurred February 15<sup>th</sup> and was well attended.
  - Worked with Garon Hart in order to get Ash Wednesday sign printed.
  
- **Stewardship (new)**
  - Had initial planning meeting with Andrea Manos and Linda Bowman to discuss stewardship ideas and initiatives in 2009.
  - One request is for vestry to consider vestry stewardship statement.

**Other Activities & Responsibilities**

- Attended Primetimers Super Bowl party at Betsy Laundon's on February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Attended clergy support group on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Celebrated Eucharist at St. George on February 4<sup>th</sup>. \$250 collection from 8 people. Visited Freeman family after service and right before Will Freeman died.
- Led chapel service for MMO/Preschool children on February 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Attended vestry dinner and retreat on February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Did new lector and intercessor training after church on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>.
- 5 days of vacation February 9-15; missed one Sunday (15<sup>th</sup>).
- Pre-Lenten Clergy Retreat at Camp Mikell February 16-18.
- Scheduled to go on Honduras mission trip March 7-14; will miss one Sunday(8<sup>th</sup>).

## Attachment B

### Rector's report—February 19, 2009

#### Pastoral Care and connection:

- Lunches/dinner visits: 3. And Office visits (Jan/Feb): 3
- Services (Jan/Feb): Abi Omotoso birthday; Burial for Wilson Freeman; Cameron Thompson Eagle presentation (Feb. 1);
- attended Primetimers, Feb. 1 and Tweeners, January 17
- multiple visits to St. George to visit Will and Petey Freeman
- Newcomer's Dinner, Feb. 15

#### Christian Education:

- Genesis Bible Study complete.
- Classes Lent: Tuesdays, 9:30: Study of Anglicanism. Begins March 3.
- Rector's Forum:
  - Roots and Wings finishes this week with a look at the Five Hopes. Who can help facilitate this?
  - New class: Meeting Jesus Again. A six week study about Jesus, curriculum through the Thoughtful Christian (same as the Religion and Politics one)

#### Staff:

- Regular calendar and strategy meetings on Mondays. Various office huddles
- event coordinator meeting and time with DeMolenwick
- helped coordinate archive room cleanup and storage improvements
- Met with Keith to discuss his job description, new roles

#### Worship

- met Bob Stetcher about Eucharistic visitors. He and Keith will be working on our plan to carry Eucharist to a local nursing home.
- organized lector training (led by Keith) on Feb. 8
- EM training began Feb. 8, and will run through March 8. Ten new EMs joining the team.

#### Vestry

- Met with Joey to discuss Christian Education and Youth, Blair to discuss Communications and Administration; still more meetings to complete
- Cottage walk-through with Bud, Bob, Richard on Feb. 4
- Vestry retreat, Feb. 6/7

**Green team:** ongoing discussions; energy audit scheduled for February 24.

#### Diocese:

- Clericus meeting, January 22
- helped with St. Bede's at their Vestry retreat (Jan 30-31)
- Prelenten clergy retreat to Mikell, Feb. 16-18th
- still serving as consultant for Church of the Holy Spirit, Cumming

#### Personal:

- time management sheets
- stress coach through Mayo Clinic
- continued work with personal therapist
- Upcoming Absences: February 20-22, Vestry Retreat (Incarnation, NC); March 19 through March 29 (two Sundays 22, 29)

## Attachment C

### Junior Warden's report February 2009

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#### Facilities:

- Routine Maintenance. I will work with Bud Alexander to get a revised punch list of repairs needed for both buildings and then present a list to vestry which can prioritize. Still open
- Cottage Plan. Met with Bud Alexander, Jim Fredrickson, Father Rob and Richard Schuetze to plan Cottage renovations. Jim Fredrickson has agreed to be the project manager for the overall cottage project. As a first step we needed measurements taken and a floor plan drawn up. I completed this and have it available. The second step was to clean up the construction debris and insulation spilled inside. That was completed last Saturday. The 3<sup>rd</sup> step to get it ready for renovation is to remove the unused furniture and take usable pieces to Goodwill and dump the rest. This still needs to be done.
- Jim F. will put together an overall project plan with the bathroom and kitchen renovations as the first priority.
- Walkway Between Buildings. Richard S. is working with Bud and Gary Nix to get estimates of what it will cost to tile this. The problem appears to be that there was no vapor barrier put down under the cement walkway when poured, so moisture wicks up through the concrete and keeps anything on the surface from sticking. Gary is working on what sealants might fix this.
- Rental Contract Update - A conference call was held to discuss contract update and rental committee is revising and incorporating cleaning fees based on usage. This increase in fees may discourage some renters but in the long run will make use of the hall less damaging.
- New Comers Dinner – Attended and assisted with this last Sunday night. This is a first class event that is getting great reviews from attendees and should bring increased participation and membership from new comers. As usual Clark Miller, Corinne Hofstetter and everyone involved did a wonderful job. If you have not attended one of these it is well worth the time.

Respectfully submitted: Bob French

## Attachment D



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## Attachment E



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