

St. Aidan's Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
Thursday, March 21, 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Bob Sheffield (Treasurer)

1. Opening Prayer and Devotion by Jim Myers
2. Approval of agenda- unanimous approval
3. Approval of Feb minutes- unanimous approval with spelling correction
4. Finance Committee Update
 - a. February contributions \$41,000 MTD expenses \$33,000.
 - b. The finance committee approved unbalanced budget with reservations about it being unbalanced.
 - c. They are working on getting an audit started.
 - d. They are reviewing the pledge payments to date
 - e. Reviewing Building the Future payments to see what kind of outstanding amounts are out there and will determine how much of this can be collected.
5. Rectors Report
 - a. Liturgical Arts Committee has met and developed a "wish" list. Everyone on the committee got 7 votes, but had to consider the cost and needs. Time frame for beginning some of the changes will be sometime this summer.
 - b. Steve has built an Aumbry - need to think of where it should be placed.
 - c. Visual Changes- Fr Rob has received positive feedback on the change in the placement of the chairs, and the branches.
 - d. Fr Rob has received one question concerning the banner being gone.
 - e. Easter service- do we need more than 2 services? It was decided not to add an additional service to Easter Sunday but to try and steer members to Easter Vigil to make room at regular services for visitors.
 - f. There will be no breakfast service following Palm Sunday or Easter.
 - g. The church office will be closed the Monday after Easter.
 - h. Cathy Schlect will be providing weekly ASA and Contribution report weekly. (Handout) The increase in numbers represents all of the things everyone is doing.
 - i. This Sunday is the last in the series on Our Anglican Heritage. Will have no class on the following Sunday due to visit from Fr Jay Pierce "Food for the Poor", no class on Palm Sunday.
 - j. Question was raised will we continue the adult education class. Fr Rob is considering doing a Bible study with readings to be done beforehand for the summer. EFM will hopefully start in the fall.
 - k. Convention is this summer, 3 additional people have been nominated for Presiding Bishop. Controversial topic: 2 potential candidates for Diocesan Bishop in California are gay. Windsor report will come out prior to the convention. Blue book contains all the proposed legislation. Even after the Blue book is published changes can be made. Fr. Rob may use adult education class to discuss the convention.
 - l. Sunday Meeting- Fr. Rob would like Sunday's to be for worship and education, he would like committees to schedule meetings at times other than Sunday.
 - m. Premarital- Fr Rob currently has 3 going on right now.
 - n. Rabun Gap- Fr Rob is scheduled to speak.
 - o. Carol Maddux- will be ordained at the Cathedral on August 6th, the DOK and the Parish is planning on giving her a gift, possible ideas are Stoles and Discretionary

funds. The 1st collection of the month, loose change and cash, this \$ is put into Fr Rob discretionary fund.

- p. There will be a 3 hour class offered for anyone that has contact with Children. Church is also considering doing a background check on anyone who has contact with children at the church.
- q. Fr. Rob is canceling Wed. Eucharist due to lack of participation.

6. Sr. Warden's report

- a. There were 12 people confirmed in March.
- b. Elwyn wanted everyone to know that she feels like the church is moving in a very positive direction and she thanked everyone for their part in that.

7. Jr. Warden's Report

- a. Trying to maintain the floors is a focus. Scouts clean the floors but they really need to be done once a week. The cost to clean and wax the floors next year may increase. Maybe we should consider asking the Men's breakfast group for \$ to have this done since it is not in the budget.
- b. We have received numerous inquiries' to rent the facility. If we start doing this we will need someone to open up the building and lock up after the function is over. Perhaps this could be a part-time paid position. Could use part of the rental income to pay for this position.
- c. Tree planting will be April 1st.
- d. Playground is down... there were problems relocating it. When the playground was being disassembled pieces of the wood split. Work will continue to get the playground finished.

8. Visitor and Newcomers

- a. The next newcomer's dinner is May 7th. Joel estimates 50 invitations will be sent out. It was decided that 3 people from the Vestry at each dinner would be sufficient. Fr Rob does not want to over burden the Vestry. Need enough people to fill the room, but too many may overwhelm the newcomers
- b. June 25th is the planned date for another newcomer's dinner.
- c. Discussion concerning when it is appropriate to bring up stewardship at the newcomers dinner. The general consensus after discussion was to talk about Stewardship and the role it plays in the running of the church. Stewardship information is included in the package that the newcomers receive.
- d. Make the annual report available to the newcomers.
- e. Vestry attending the newcomer's dinner needs to be ready with a 90-second spiel on your ministry.
- f. Epicopalooza is going to be at the church on April 21st. They would like to have a bonfire. Motion to allow bonfire on the roadbed, passed unanimously.

9. New Business

- a. Attic Sale proceeds will be distributed as follows: 10% Outreach; 10% operating budget; 80% Special project (Landscape, Liturgical, Playground)
- a. Alcohol Use plan-Discussion concerning alcohol served at newcomers & stewardship. Fr Rob would like to have a policy in place for the church the diocese does not have an alcohol use plan. Ideas to be included in the plan are:
 - i. Control the # of bottles of wine available
 - ii. No alcohol served preceding a church service.
 - iii. Men's club
 - iv. Special events have to get approval.
 - v. Have separate policy for renters.

10. Business to be moved to next meeting

- a. Vestry Person of Day
- b. Alcohol use plan finalization
- c. Avian Flu Plan update
- d. Vestry retreat 2007 update place and time

Next Vestry meeting April 25, 2006

Meeting concluded with a prayer led by Fr Rob

respectfully submitted by Debby Flynn, Clerk