

St. Aidan's Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
Thursday, May 24, 7 PM

Attendees: Rob Wood, Bobbe Frank, Pete Sansom, Mary Kathryn Nix, Jim Smith, Betsy Jones, Cathy Schlecht, Beth Burns, David Freeman, Richard Schuetze, Clark Miller, Jim Myers, Barry Mansell (Treasurer) Debby Flynn (clerk). Absent: Theo Manos

1. Opening Prayer/Devotion by Jim Myers
2. Approval of agenda- unanimous approval
3. Approval of April minutes- unanimous approval
4. Finance Report:
 - Lift High the Cross- We have 122 pledges for 1,009,000, more pledges are expected. We are 91,000 short of original goal.
 - Budget 2007- Operating budget- We have 151 pledges with \$ commitment of \$380,000.
 - Reviewed the April Finances and everything is on track. Will have the May #'s for the June 9th meeting.
 - Money for Keith in June- there are 4 options -1) Attic sale, 2) unrestricted savings, 3) Discretionary, 4) Operating budget.
A motion was made to pay Keith for June from the operating budget. Motion passed unanimously.
 - May 07- June 08 budget is being worked on and will be reviewed at the June meeting.
 - Recommendation about Fiscal will be coming from the Finance committee and will be reviewed at the June meeting.
 - Suggestion was made to now that the restricted accounts are accurate, make a sure they are spent the way they should be. Have a listing of how and when they should be spent.
5. Goals for 2007-
 - Youth ministry improvement (Leaders, High Schools, Church Attendance, College Ministry Liaison). Vestry person: Mary Kathryn – No report at this time
 - ~~Hire an Assistant Priest. Vestry person: Theo Manos~~
 - Parishioner Involvement (Develop and Increase): Vestry Person: Richard Schuetze- No report at this time
 - Ministry Open House expansion from 3 weeks in August to 3-4 Sunday during the year. Vestry person: Betsy Jones- No report at this time.
 - Liturgical Arts completion. Vestry Person: Pete Sansom- Plans are being made to start the Liturgical arts renovations. Work is expected to be completed by Sept 1st
Bud Alexander will be the project manager.
Gary Nix will provide the project plan
Work will be completed by volunteers and professionals.
Project will take three weeks to complete, may have to hold church service in Burtenshaw hall – would not be able to hold breakfast those two weeks.
 - Offer ministries people with special needs and their families. Vestry person: Clark Miller- No report at this time.
 - Find ways to promote St. Aidan's name and presence in the community. Vestry person: Jim Smith- No report at this time
 - Praise and recognition of leaders of ministry. Vestry Person: Jim Myers- No report at this time
 - Promote Outreach so that it permeates all ministries. Vestry Person: Cathy Schlecht- No Report at this time.
6. Wardens Report
 - Letter to the congregation from the Vestry is being written

7. Rector's Report

- MMO- Enrollments have been lower than expected. The person that was going to be hired as the director will most likely not be available. Looking into hiring someone that is already involved as the interim director.
- The church has received a gift of a baby grand piano from Suzanne Harris who is moving.
- Lobby usage policy has been communicated to the parish.
- Fr Rob is looking into the house next door to the church- perhaps writing a 1st right of refusal offer that would give St. Aidan's first opportunity of the property were the owners to sell. This project is very preliminary.
- Fr. Rob will adjust the office hours once Keith is full time.

8. New Business

- Fr. Rob handed out the parochial report- Motion made to approve the 2006 report-motion seconded and passed unanimously.
- Brad Serff of the Finance committee presented the LHTC balance sheet. (Copy available at the church)

The first fruits collection was approximately \$349,371.00, need to decide how much of this should be put toward debt reduction and how much to keep for reserves and what amount to put toward the Liturgical Arts improvements.

A motion was made to put the Attic sale money \$4,400 \$37,379 from LHTC, and \$23,295 from the restricted account for Liturgical Arts. Between these three commitments the \$65,074 will be available for the improvements. The motion also included paying \$232,260 to the bank for mortgage reduction. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

- A motion was made to approve 2 resolutions-
 - 1) One to sign and execute
 - 2) Fr Rob and Theo Manos to sign and execute the modification of the mortgage.

Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

- Organ Choices- John Sabine presented the four organ purchase options-

1) New Allen instrument- \$31,000 includes installation (does not include trade-in), has a Quad Sweet (four distinct sounds) 3 manual 39 stop. Organ is brand new. 8-10 weeks for delivery can upgrade for full purchase price within 3 yrs.

2) Allen instrument- Is used, 1 ½ years old, has everything that #1 has except Quad sweet, is upgradeable with in 3 yrs, includes a smart recorder. Price is 31,500

3) Roger- 9 years old, price \$30,000, no upgrade possibilities

4) Organ from the Baptist church- \$ 49,000

Options 1 and 2 seem to be the best, after lengthy discussion a motion was made to approve option #2 make Allen an offer get as close to \$31,000 +tax as possible. Need a written proposal.

Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

10. Next Month/Action

- PR and Evangelism Report: Jim Smith (emailed) **NEXT Month: B&G**
- Names to consider for vestry nomination – Fr Rob to collect at the June meeting
- Outreach report on Funds assigned (Cathy Schecht) – handout bring to June meeting

Dates to Remember

- thanks to Justice on May 27
- Lee's reception on June 10
- Newcomer's Dinner: June 24
- Rob Vacation plans: June 10th (after church) – June 17; July 14; July 25–Aug. 3; Labor Day Weekend.
- Betsey Gibbs on vacation May 28--June 1.
- Keith's ordination Wed June 27th 7:00 Pm

Respectfully submitted by Debby Flynn, Clerk