

St. Aidan's Episcopal Church  
Vestry Minutes  
Thursday, November 15, 7 PM

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

1. Opening Prayer/Devotion by Richard
2. Welcome new Vestry members- Bob French, Blair Hendrickson, Jim Skinner and Gregory Smith (absent)
3. Approval of agenda- unanimous approval
4. Approval of October minutes- unanimous approval with changes
5. Finance Report
  - There was a decrease in contributions for the month of October YTD we are OK on the budget
  - YTD Expenses \$381,000 vs. Budget of \$386,000
  - The 2008 Budget is ready to be reviewed, this will be done at the December Vestry meeting
  - The Finance committee has prepared the budget for review- Vestry would like the committee to prepare a couple of scenarios for paying down debt service.
  - Vestry will look at their areas of ministry to check the budget.
6. Annual Meeting Review-
  - There were 132 parishioners involved in the meeting
  - Meeting started on time and finished on time, no one felt rushed
  - Next year start the process 2 weeks earlier
  - The change in the way Vestry is selected seemed to be successful.
7. Goals for 2007
  - Parishioner Involvement (Develop and Increase): Vestry Person: Richard Schuetze- 2007 Parishioner involvement has been outstanding
  - LHTC, Liturgical improvements, good turnout for annual meeting.
  - Richard would like each area of ministry to anticipate and communicate their needs so that Richard and others can help contact people to help. This centralized committee would try to avoid asking the same people.
  - Continue to recognize people for their contributions
8. Milton vs. Alpharetta- where should St Aidan's be?
  - We were in unincorporated Milton county before Milton became a city In order for us to go back to the City of Alpharetta we would have to be de-annexed from City of Milton and then be annexed into City of Alpharetta
  - Areas of consideration of Alpharetta vs. Milton include :
    - a. Insurance difference - Clark
    - b. Fire and Police- Clark
    - c. Zoning- Richard
  - d. Cost of Annexation – Richard
    - Richard and Clark to look into the above areas and give their findings at the December Vestry meeting
9. Warden's Report
  - Kitchen cleaning went well on 11/3.
  - Moved freezer from the cottage
10. Assistant Rectors Report-
  - New rotation has started in Sunday school.
  - Baptism class is still going

- Pageant planning and casting is starting.
- There will be a new member reception on December 9<sup>th</sup>
- There will be 20 people confirmed at the Cathedral on Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup>. Plan on recognizing them in church.
- Parish directory will be done in-house this year, it will be similar to last years, except E-Mail addresses will be published for those that agree.

#### 11. Rectors Report

- Still in process of interviewing candidates for Church secretary position.
- Have posted job on Monster.com and have 50 applicants.
- Have agreed to be the 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate delegate for the convention in July 2009
- December 23<sup>rd</sup> there will only be one service, at 9:00 AM, and the last advent class will be at 10:30AM
- Would like to form sermon discussion group of 4-5 people to give feedback on sermons.
- A letter has been sent to the parish informing them of Carole's new assignment and party that has been planned in her honor.
- Third service for St. Aidan's- discussion to begin on whether to add an additional service.

#### 12. New Business

- Received appreciation letters from Sewanee and Camp Mikell for donations.
- Administration and Finance report- Jim Myers reviewed the duties that are performed by this ministry. Tasks outlined are an overview of what is managed
  - Administration: Bulletin preparation, Weekly E-mail, Web page
  - Bookkeeping- Computers, Phones and Copiers
  - Volunteers- Have a group of volunteers that do most of the above administrative tasks. Always looking for more volunteers
  - Finance Committee-Audits the books, Church registrar, stewardship
- Signs along the trail-Do we want to welcome people from North Park, do we have a liability issues? After much discussion sign to read "St Aidan's Episcopal Church Meditation Trail, Please respect this sacred ground. GOD
- New Vestry orientation and VPODing- the schedule has been put together.
- Vestry Retreat February 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>
- Vestry assignments 2008- will go over at the December meeting, may break apart assignments differently
- Hunger Walk is March 2, 2008- Mark Thompson will help lead St. Aidan's efforts.

Dates to remember:

Next Vestry, Thursday, December 13, 7PM

Meeting concluded with a prayer led by Fr. Rob

*Respectfully submitted by Debby Flynn, Clerk*