

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

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

1. Opening Prayer/Devotion by Clark
2. Approval of agenda- unanimous approval
3. Approval of October minutes- unanimous approval with change to attendee Patrice was not present.
4. Finance Report
Operating budget through October should be 83%. Revenues are off-pledges are <8,000 where we need to be.
 - a. Total expenses are 86% of the annual budget for this year. We are \$31,000 in the red for far this year. Looked at historical data and it appeared that in the last 5 years the month of December saw an increase in pledges (over what would be expected). Over the last 5 years over 95% of the pledged amounts have been collected.
 - b. \$69,000 in pledges was added to the building fund this year.
 - c. Stock donations: Ron Jones is a consultant who handles our account. May want to look into setting up a foundation to handle potential estate giving.
5. Rector's Report
 - a. Mother's Morning Out is starting to get interest again, would like to look for someone to hire to get the program started. Discussed taking a loan from the church for start up, but it was decided more research needed to be done, and other options reviewed before a vote on this could be taken. The MMO committee needs to develop a clear plan and budget.
 - b. Advent Meditation guide and Messenger guide was mailed out this week.
 - c. Fr Rob was asked to serve as Dean of our Diocesan Convocation by Bishop Alexander. Fr Rob feels he would have to give up some of his other Diocesan duties were he to take this opportunity. Would make a decision in the next week or so.
 - d. CDI: Church Development Institute. Fr Rob thought it might be something some parishioners may want to be involved in. It is a 2 year commitment. If interested let Fr Rob know.
 - e. Fr. Rob distributed Vestry Papers.
 - f. Infocus workshop: we have 92 signed up to attend. Once Cargill has completed the feasibility study then a decision will have to be made whether to continue with them. Cargill will return Jan 8th to present findings.
 - g. We may have a Camp Mikell day in February. Ken Struble the director of Camp Mikell would come and speak.
6. Sr. Warden's Report
Vestry Nominations for 2007-2009 have been finalized. The candidates are: Jim Smith, Richard Schuetze, David Freeman, Betsey Jones, Timm Miller, Judie Borden. A discussion about the process of nominations followed, and it was decided to have a more formal review of the entire process. Theo agreed to help with that review.
7. Jr. Warden's Report
Youth Sunday was great! Fr Rob and David Wagner were commended on the youth candidates for confirmation. A mopping schedule has been made.

8. New Business

- a. Parish Meeting- Outgoing Vestry member will count the votes. Elwyn will speak as outgoing Sr. Warden. Barry will speak to the finances. Pete will speak to the proposed Liturgical improvements.
- b. Please get all information for annual report in by December 1st.
- c. Caregivers - change in caregiver leadership- Diane Rogers will be taking over the Caregivers committee. We are considering someone to assist her in this role.
- d. Parish Life- Calendar outlining all the events that are planned for the next year was developed. Fr Rob encouraged all groups within the church to check with Betsey before making plans to ensure it will not conflict with an event already on the calendar.
- e. Honduras Mission Trip- there will be an event at the church Jan 27th to support the trip. St Aidan's will be sending 3 people: Carole Maddux, Karen DeArmey, and Jim Myers.

9. Old Business

- a. Playground- we are getting prices from 2 vendors.
- b. Mary Katherine will assume task of making VPOD calendar.

10. Executive Session

11. Action Steps to Review

12. Dates to Remember

Advent Lessons and Carols, Dec 3, 5 Pm followed by soup supper

Annual Parish Meeting, December 10, 9:15-10:15, 7PM

Next Vestry Meeting Tuesday, December 19th

Meeting concluded with a prayer led by Fr. Rob

Respectfully submitted by Debby Flynn, Clerk