

St. Aidan's Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
Thursday, October 18, 7 PM

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

1. Opening Prayer/Devotion by Clark
2. Approval of agenda- unanimous approval
3. Approval of September minutes- unanimous approval with changes
4. Finance Report

A) Report was E-Mailed (**Appendix A**), Richard to work with Barry to ensure all restricted accounts are correct.

B) Attic Sale report- The attic sale raised \$5,719 that has been put into the restricted account. This figure represents the net amount of money that was raised. Last year proceeds were higher due to the fact the expenses were covered.

As agreed previously 1/2 the money will go to Landscaping and 1/2 to Homestretch.

Due to water restrictions a motion was made to let the Landscape committee decide when and how to spend the money, whether it is on plants or hardscaping. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

C) Convocation Centennial Project-Money will go for replacing the roof on the chapel at Camp Mikell. A motion was made to take \$500.00 out of the operating budget from outreach to make this contribution. Motion seconded and passed unanimously. Cathy to work with Barry to ensure the allocation is taken from outreach.

5. Vestry Nominations-

- Discussion about the upcoming process, list developed.
- Betsy will develop the ballot.

6. Goals for 2007

- Youth ministry improvement (Leaders, High Schools, Church Attendance, College Ministry Liaison). Vestry person: Mary Kathryn –No report at this time
- 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
- ~~Liturgical Arts completion. Vestry Person: Pete Sansom~~
- ~~Offer ministries people with special needs and their families. Vestry person: Clark Miller~~
- 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- added to prayers of the people.
- Promote Outreach so that it permeates all ministries. Vestry Person: Cathy Schlecht- See new Business for Outreach report.

7. Wardens Report

- Pete- reported that ramp to the cottage does not have to be complete this month as originally thought. May postpone until 2008.
- Theo- may have to replace the Ice machine.
- Kitchen to undergo a deep cleaning on November 3rd.

8. Rector's Report

- Betsy Gibbs has resigned. There will be a short term solution before a long term. Looking for someone to work 35 hours a week. Jim will look into posting the position on ACS.
- Youth ministers Katie McDonald and Bethany Taylor began last week.
- November 11th 8:00 service will be shortened so that the Annual meeting can begin at 9:00 AM. The second service will begin at 10:30AM as usual.
- Musical Events- Music in the Glen will present a Celtic Christmas Show at St. Aidan's Saturday December 8th 7-9.
- Advent Lessons and Carols will be on Sunday December 16th at 5PM
- Christmas Eve services will be 4PM, 7:30PM and 11:00PM, Christmas Day- 12:00Noon
- Would like to put together a committee of people to help out with some of the personnel functions- writing job descriptions, putting together a process for hiring, updating personnel files etc.
- Betsy and Cathy will work with Parish Life and DOK to put together a reception and love offering for Carole on December 16th.

9. Assistant Rectors Report- E-mailed

- Christian Education- JAM: The first rotation on worship and BCP was completed October 14th.
- Youth: The new youth ministers will begin co-leading the respective Jr. and Sr. high classes this Sunday. Two of the current teachers will continue through the end of October to help with the transition.
- Pastoral care- the "buddy" ministry for children with special needs has been launched. The buddies have been trained. Only two children are officially signed up at this time.

10. New Business

- Outreach- Carole and Cathy-See attached report Appendix "B"
- Renovations- Chuck's renovation summary will be published.
- Vestry retreat will be February 15th-17th at Amicola Falls; cost will be \$275-\$280 per person + taxes.
- Annual reports are due by next Friday.

11. Old Business

- Milton vs. Alpharetta- prepare for November discussion.

Dates to Remember

- Next Vestry Meeting November 15th at 7:00PM
- Honduras Mission trip Art Auction December 1st 6:00-10:00 PM
- Faithfully departed, Friday November 2nd
- Newcomers Dinner, November 4th.
- Blood Drive November 11th

Meeting concluded with a prayer led by Fr. Rob

Respectfully submitted by Debby Flynn, Clerk

Appendix A

1. September was an exceptional month for the church.

We exceeded our contributions budget in all three areas for a total of \$47,727.54. The average pledge % (% of annual pledge) paid in September based on the last 5 years data is 8.1%--our percentage for this September was just over 9% and on a higher annual pledge amount (\$402,000). The increase in pledges may result from a catch up for August. Also, we more than doubled the non-pledged budget. This was a pleasant surprise since I had supposed that the non-pledgers had converted to a pledge as part of the LHTC campaign...

This enabled us to overcome August's expense budget overrun (-\$15,241.67) and we ended September with a positive year-to-date net income of \$4084.61. Overall, the church leadership is managing well to our budget. A few points of explanation: 1. Bank Admn Fees represents the \$250 fee to establish the \$50,000 line of credit 2. Diocesan pledge was overpaid in July meaning we owe now for the month of December only which we will pay in November. 3. Maintenance account reflects \$1500 charge to clean floors in Burtenshaw Hall. 4. We are current on the Am Trust Interest-operating fund account even though no payment is reflected in September.

The LHTC capital pledge payments were \$14,770 in Sept. Please call Barry at 404 379 2175 if you have any questions about the report.

2. Cash in checking and money market accounts as of 10/16: \$66,567.40

Of the cash available, \$29,725.88 is in restricted accounts, \$31,246.60 (unspent LHTC capital funds remaining), and \$7594.92 is for operating expenses.

Of the \$407,263.79 paid out of the total 3 year LHTC pledges of \$1,090,948, we have spent money for the following items: Net paid after applying Liturgical Arts restricted account \$15,819.76; Net paid for organ after applying the Organ Fund restricted account \$22,489.15; Loan principal payment of \$280,000 (6/11/07); Prorated interest net of operating interest budget on Mortgage \$45,037.77; and Prorated principal payments on Mortgage \$12,669.81. This leaves a balance of \$31,246.60 in LHTC capital.

3. All bills have been paid for the Liturgical Arts Improvements.

Chuck Johnson's report indicates the highly significant value of the work he and his fellow workers performed as part of this project. What a beautiful outcome!

Thanks,
Barry
Treasurer

