

St. Aidan's Vestry Meeting July 12, 2005, 7:00 PM

Attendees:

Rob Wood
Becky Sullivan
Mary Kathryn Nix
Theo Manos
Pete Sansom

Joel Shepard
Carol Waters
Sue Lawton
Joe Moyer
Lisa Meyer

Patrice Skinner
Mark Thompson
Bob Sheffield

1. Opening Prayer/Devotion: Sue (Pete in August)
2. Approval of agenda – unanimous approval.
3. Pictures for the Church (stewardship) – Jim Skinner
4. Approval of June minutes – unanimous approval.
5. Ministry to highlight in discussion: Goals for 2005 revisited (see end of agenda)
 - a. We have made the most progress in the handling of newcomers.
 - b. A lot of momentum in the youth activities. Many things will be modified for the youth starting in the fall. Plans for interesting Sunday school program for youth starting in the fall.
 - c. Parish picnic was successful. Breakfast is very popular, even in the summer.
 - d. Mark suggested doing a movie night and showing the movie Joshua. The church owns this movie. Simple popcorn or ice-cream and a movie.
 - e. Outreach is also making progress. Drake house presentation was nice.
 - f. Think about new people in the church that we think would want to get involved in activities at the church.
6. Finance Report (was emailed)
 - a. In June, contributions down vs. budget, but also expenses were down vs. budget. YTD contributions still running ahead of budget over all. Pledge contributions still in arrears somewhat. Plate contributions are up, though.
 - b. We know the comprehensive insurance will be higher than estimated. Maintenance budget is over budget, but we paid for new carpet out of that. Only \$1400 behind at this point and if pledges were current we would be right on track.
 - c. Unanimously approved and received.
 - d. Bob stated we need to start discussing the 2006 budget. He will provide a spreadsheet to show spending in 2005 and a first pass at a 2006 budget. Look for this by the end of the month.
7. Stewardship budget request
 - a. Carol Waters called and the Stewardship Committee would like an increase of \$2,100 to their budget. Between the dinner they have planned, plus all their mailings, they feel the increase is justified.
 - b. Planning a BBQ dinner, casual, in November. Table discussion during dinner about stewardship. Goal to have 100% of member to fill out a pledge card and get a percentage to increase their giving.
 - c. Joel Sheppard presented an estimate of the cost for the stewardship dinner.
 - d. Elwyn first movement to accept this budget change, Sue seconded it. Unanimous approval. Stewardship budget will change from \$750 to \$2855.50.
8. Warden Reports: Joe – Grass seed planted out in front of the new building. The Cowarts have been taking care of watering. The shed is now cleaned out. The scouts are working to take over the trailers. They still need to repair the one trailer.
 - a. Rob requested from Pete a time schedule from the scouts on when they plan to have the trailer repairs done.

9. Rector's Report

- a. Staff update - Betsey Gibbs new accounts manager. This is working out well. She is in school part time in the mornings. Her hours here are 1-5 or 6, for 3 days a week.
- b. Still looking for someone interested in the Children's ministry position.
- c. Pastoral needs?
- d. George Kulick made the wooden doors in the front hall. He also suggested moving the "Old Barn" Cross from narthex to parish center or Burtenshaw Hall.

10. New Business

- a. **Ministry open house**, August 14, 21, 28: Planning displays, getting people involved, sign-up, people to staff the station. This is our chance to get information out about our areas of ministry. Will take a moment at the breakfast on each of these Sundays to talk to everyone about your ministry. All setups will be there each Sunday, just leave them up.
- b. Frisbee Golf – A temporary course? We could set up on the grounds. Some concerns about liability. Everyone agreed it would be a good thing to set up. Rob asked if we knew of anyone we could ask to design it. Maybe a scout eagle project.

11. Old Business

- a. Change counting process. Theo discussed the possibility of putting money in the bank, then having an office worker count on Monday. Other church people volunteer to help count. On Sunday only put everything in the lock bag and take to the bank.
 - i. Bob Sheffield comments: Cash needs to be taken off the property and into bank as fast as possible. Need at least 2 people counting cash, preferably 3.
 - ii. Rob – volunteer counters would still help with the counting, just move it to Monday. Perhaps try this new process for a few months and see how it works. Have a Sunday list of volunteers and a Monday list of volunteers. Theo to get this list of volunteers. Rob suggested to get Betsy to call and remind the person that is to go to the bank on Sunday.
 - iii. Patrice would like to organize "the briefcase". Everyone agreed this was a good idea.
- b. Bishop's visit July 31—one service at 10 a.m., followed by brunch. Sign-ups? Becky said DOK has volunteered to do the setup, will do a sign-up for clean up people. Plan to cook for 150 people; Sue will let Roger know this number. Will also do an RSVP sign up – Sue will take care of this.
- c. Bishop will likely want to meet with the vestry. Would probably need to do this after the brunch. Rob will check on this.
- d. Yearly parish calendar (updates) – No updates noted.
- e. Building the Future updated (emailed)

12. Action steps review

- a. Theo to create a list of Sunday volunteers and Monday volunteers for the new counting process.
- b. Sue will do a sign-up for who is coming to the Bishop's brunch on the 31st.
- c. Becky will do a sign-up for volunteers to help clean up after the Bishop's brunch.

Dates to Remember

- Next Vestry Meeting: August 16th, 7 p.m.
- Fr. Rob at Mikell, Monday, July 18-Monday, July 25th. Fr. Herring to preach and celebrate on the 24th.
- Ministry open house: August 14, 21, 28

Vestry Goals for 2005

1. Enhance Youth Program
 - i. More scripture and learning
 - ii. Diocesan events – Happenings, Mikell, New Beginnings
 - iii. Youth service
 - iv. Parental involvement & planning, support role, something for parents
 - v. Point system to qualify for big, fun trips
 - vi. Jr. and Sr. break-outs for separate events
 - vii. More adult leaders
 - viii. Eliminate Wednesday meeting and beef up Sunday meeting
 - ix. Recruit & encourage kids to specific kids
2. Newcomers
 - i. How to identify new comers?
 - ii. Need a way to incorporate them
 - iii. Newcomers packet, welcome packet
 - iv. Tracking from visitor to member
 - v. Free-breakfast pass
 - vi. Follow-up program for people who have expressed interest in various activities/ministries.
 - vii. Newcomer gift take to house after church
 - viii. Dinners, other welcoming event with other members, at church or a home
 - ix. Review list of newcomers after church
 - x. Visitor parking spaces in the parking lot
3. Small Group Programs
 - i. Serendipity, men's prayer group, Foyers
 - ii. Young adults, young couples
 - iii. Young mothers
 - iv. Mothers with young children. Meet and provide childcare
 - v. Parents of teens
 - vi. Adult children caring for parents
 - vii. Adventurer's – weekend hiking club
 - viii. 20's and 30's club
4. Parish Life
 - i. Parish picnic, Ministry fair in the fall, St. Aidan's day
 - ii. Maundy Thursday Dinner
 - iii. Band on the green
 - iv. New Year's party
 - v. Breakfast and coffee hour
 - vi. Movie night
 - vii. Thanksgiving dinner
 - viii. Camp fire, camp out
5. Enhance Outreach
 - i. Thanksgiving meal for needy
 - ii. Once a month, some event people can volunteer for, outside of church, hands on activity
 - iii. Communicate the activity well
 - iv. Choir singing to shut-ins
 - v. Find "passionate" things to do
 - vi. Motivate people to serve/help.