

St. Aidan's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2005, 7:00 PM

Attendees:

The Rev. Rob Wood
Theo Manos
Elwyn Alexander
Mary Kathryn Nix

Joe Moyer
Pete Sansom
Sue Lawton
Patrice Skinner

Bob Sheffield
Lisa Meyer
Mark Thompson
Jim Myers

1. Opening Prayer
2. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Unanimous approval.
3. Approval of March minutes
 - a. Unanimous approval.
4. Devotion – Patrice Skinner
5. Ministry Highlight – Evangelism and newcomers
 - a. May 22nd planning a newcomer's reception. Have a lunch, all vestry invited.
 - b. Developing newcomer's booklet. Information about St. Aidan's. Includes a stewardship card and explanation of pledging.
 - c. Suggestion to have newcomer's dinner instead of a lunch. Sunday night, like 5pm. May 22, 5-7pm. Maybe have a presentation.
 - d. Print up a pass for free breakfast for visitors.
 - e. Visitor parking on Sunday mornings – need some signs. Theo will handle it.
 - f. New sign out front, by the street. Garon has 2 designs. One is rectangular, all blue, minimal wordage. Other is stained glass window shaped. Blue where the name is and beige rectangle information section. The second seems favored with a little less writing on it, only service times.
 - g. Garon has done an ad for a realtor. Everyone likes this.
6. Financial Report – First quarter review
 - a. Contributions have exceeded expenses so far. We are on track.
 - b. Unanimous agreement to receive the financial report.
 - c. Building the Future – Ends 12/31/06. Plan evolving to do a phase II of building the future. This would be directed to those households not yet participating. Possibly, we will have house meetings to discuss this need in small groups. Would start in May and continue in the summer. . Another suggestion is doing personal visits to parishioner's homes. Suggestion to make it clear the amount of money that would be appropriate to give per month. Break it down into a reasonable amount. Make it relative to what they currently spend money on. Give a suggestion of an amount per month and show what kind of impact it would make if all families contributed. Jim Myers and the planning committee already contacted will help Fr. Rob get this started.

7. Junior Warden's Report

- a. The blue tarp still on the roof as we try to isolate the leak in order to fix it.
- b. Grass in the front lawn. Mansell Landscaping quoted \$700-800 dollars to hydro-seed the lawn with Bermuda.
- c. Old sprinkler system is not currently functional. Was damaged in the construction.
- d. Meeting to discuss fire alarm is upcoming.
- e. Boy scouts have not started cleaning the building yet. Pete will meet with Richard Schmidt to get that started.

8. Rector's Report

- a. Summer service – do we want a time change? Keep 8 o'clock and move the 10:30 to 10. Move breakfast to 8:45-9:45. Starting Memorial Day weekend through ?? No end date decision yet. Vestry in agreement.
- b. Have a forum on worship and music? Opportunity for parishioners to give input. May 22nd at 9:30, since there no Sunday school that day.
- c. Comments on no Easter egg hunt? None were offered. Did not seem to be a problem.
- d. United Thank Offering will start this week.
- e. Staff retreat scheduled for Monday, May 9.
- f. Natasha and Karen are now permanent employees, with raises given as vestry had budgeted.

9. New Business

- a. Gift to Alleluia fund from St. Aidan's. Perhaps \$500 from outreach? Unanimous vote to do this.
- b. Restructure rector's compensation/housing allowance from 50K/20K to 35K/35K. Unanimous vote to do this.
- c. Holy week and Easter review. Elwyn Alexander – it was wonderful. Maundy Thursday 67 attendees. Good Friday 128, last year was only 38. Easter vigil 100 vs. 52 last year. Easter Sunday attendees more than last year, too. There is a very good feeling in the church.
- d. St. Columba's will likely invite us to do Good Friday with them in their new church next year.
- e. Parking lot rental to King's Ridge school. We would charge rent. Make it clear they cannot park on the grass. Would only be for 4-5 Friday nights during football season. Someone needs to negotiate with them. Perhaps one price if they clean up afterwards and another price if we have to clean up. Pete will negotiate with them.
- f. Do we need an alcohol policy at St. Aidan's? Make it part of the building use policy. When is it appropriate for church functions, like the parish picnic should probably not have it, other functions its ok. Some guidelines for wedding receptions. Jim Myers will help get current understanding on paper.
- g. Selecting Diocesan delegates. There is a policy of the Diocese of how to elect them. The following is the agreement:
 - i. This is to certify that at a meeting of the Rector, or Minister-in-Charge, Wardens, and Vestry members, or of the congregation of

_____ held on the _____ day of _____ the following lay persons were elected to represent said church in the next council of the Diocese and at all special and called meetings of the same until the following Annual Council, and that all the named persons are confirmed communicants of this Church in good standing:

- ii. Take nominations in May and vote in June.
- h. Youth – Re building the youth advisory committee. Events planned through August 14. Time change to 6-8PM. Start with dinner, devotion, and then go off to whatever they will do. Several activities planned for the summer. Will review a behavior covenant, their showing up is their agreement to it. Starting a rotation model next year for the Jr. and Sr. high Sunday school class. Putting together a reward/point system tied to the big trips, like the ski trip. Points earned for attending and participating in other functions lead to privilege of going on big trips.
- i. St. Aidan's will start a new monthly newsletter that will be mailed out.

10. Old Business

- a. Episcopal Relief and Development thank you note for \$1,208.
- b. May 15 and Burtenshaw hall. Fr. Noel will preach both services that Sunday. Name will be Burtenshaw Hall. After the service, process into the Hall for a mini-dedication. Then go to the picnic. Wear red to the service for Pentecost.
- c. Another Anglican Communion session for vestry needed? Yes, we would like to have another vestry session. May 16, 6:30PM, have pot-luck dinner again.
- d. News: A) Executive committee of ECUSA decided to withdraw partially from Anglican Consultative Council for the next meeting. Will attend, but not vote. B) Bishop in Connecticut is trying to reign in several priests that are going against him because they disagree with him. They are on the more conservative side of the Gene Robinson issue. They are being threatened with de-frocking.

11. Action Items

- a. Theo to check into signs for visitor parking places.
- b. Pete to talk to Richard Schmidt about the scouts beginning their cleaning duties.
- c. Pete will negotiate with King's Ridge school on the parking lot rental agreement.
- d. Jim will be in charge of developing the St. Aidan's alcohol policy.

12. Dates to Remember

- a. Parish picnic may 15
- b. Evensong at St. Luke's May 15, 4PM
- c. Vestry pot-luck, May 16, 6:30PM, discuss Anglican Communion
- d. Next vestry meeting, May 17, 2005
- e. Worship and music forum, May 22, 9:30am (Sunday school hour)
- f. Newcomer's dinner May 22, 5-7PM