

St. Aidan's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2005
7:00 PM

Attendees:

The Rev. Rob Wood	Joe Moyer	Becky Sullivan
Theo Manos	Pete Sansom	Lisa Meyer
Elwyn Alexander	Sue Lawton	Mark Thompson
Mary Kathryn Nix	Bob Sheffield	Scott DeArmey

1. Opening Prayer
2. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Unanimous approval.
3. Approval of April minutes
 - a. Unanimous approval.
4. Devotion – Becky Sullivan
 - a. (Mark has devotion in June)
5. Financial Report – April 2005
 - a. On budget for the year, but April income was down.
 - b. Building the Future was way down last month too.
 - c. One year interest only loan for our new building, tied to prime interest rate. Finance committee is looking into refinancing it. Liens on the property could hinder the refinancing.
 - d. Unanimous vote to receive the financial report.
6. Senior Warden's Report
 - a. Another great job on Sunday the 15th. Great day, everyone enjoyed it. It was wonderful to honor Fr. Noel in that way.
 - b. Need to enhance the office staff as soon as possible to keep everything moving forward.
7. Junior Warden's Report
 - a. Still trying to finalize what to do with the trailers out back.
 - b. Still working on front lawn. These will continue to move forward.
8. Rector's Report
 - a. Memorial's money, \$2,290. Any use for it? Suggestion to get new vestments, additional set of offering plates, verger vestments. Question whether the person's name is expected to be mentioned with the item purchased? Elwyn says not, just to be used to purchase things we need for church.
 - b. Recap of Staff retreat, May 9 at Mittie's. Shared some personal things, talked about different ministries, planned calendar for a year, May 2005 to May 2006. Productive time.

- c. Any pastoral needs? Jim Skinner in the hospital. Candace needs prayers for her recovery. Laurie Foley having a C-section in June, around the 12th.
- d. Worship Forum – hope all can make it. Opportunity to gather how people feel about it. Interactive style will be used. Make people move around into groups based on their answer to the questions. Gives people a sense of how many others feel the same way they do. Get the visual effect of numbers in the different areas.
- e. Two nominees for diocesan delegates so far, Dana French and Carole Maddux. Both have agreed. We will have 3 delegates and 3 alternates.
- f. Web page needs attention. – Rob met with Betty Hood. Need regular updating. We should just send information and pictures to Betty and she will update. Joe had word that the sign up through the web site was not working properly. Need to know what area it was in. Most thought it was working, information is directly emailed to person in charge.
- g. Building the future: phase 2 status. Four core leaders and 25 people under each to try to invite those not currently participating. Send letter to BTF pledged people to remind them to make payments. House meetings; give presentation, during June, July, August of 2005. BTF closes out at the end of 2006.
- h. Messenger – comments? Looked nice, clear. Hopefully start using bulk mailing for them to save money.
- i. Natasha and hiring update – Betsy is applying for the position, taking other applications. Lee Thompson has let us know that she will be stepping down as director of Christian education, hopefully by the next school year. Would still want to help out and leave us in good shape. Several options, priest that would like part time job or someone to do children and youth for more salary. Rob has spoken with a priest that is interested, but only in Childrens Ed, not youth. Could help out with pastoral care and filling in for Rob. Scott would like to do the rotation method for Sunday school, would like to make sure we get someone who likes that method and would do it. Scott would like to go ahead and interview to the priest Rob has talked with. Rob will talk to Kim Smith about other contacts that would be interested in doing both.
- j. Need help with RSVP phone calls. Can anyone help? Elwyn, Scott

9. New Business

- a. Memorial garden proposal. Suggested area for memorial garden, beside the parking lot. Will be a central location when new buildings are built. Will not take a lot of money at this time to make it nice. Scott suggested putting it off of the trails from the parking lot. Pete make comment that he was told people like it close to the church, not have to walk through the woods. Need to talk to a landscape architect about design. Motion to approve the triangular space beside the parking lot. Seconded. This motion was gracefully withdrawn. Motion to commission Joan and Dolly to evaluate the two suggested locations as an appropriate site and a relative cost to prepare each. Report for the next vestry meeting. Seconded. Unanimous approval. For clarity, the two suggested locations are 1) the

triangular area at the front of the parking lot, and 2) to the right of the trail at the back of the parking lot, just inside the trail.

- b. Kitchen keys for the breakfast team leaders? Rob thinks it would be fine for each to have one. Mark suggests just one key that rotates with each team captain. George Kulick would be responsible for the 6 keys and returning them. Just a key to the kitchen. Motion to give George 6 keys. Seconded. Unanimous approval.
- c. Parish calendar – In August 14, 21, 28, will be ministry open houses. All ministries displayed on all 3 days. Scott suggested to decide on the date for the Annual parish meeting. Notification ahead of time was a problem last year, so let's go ahead and put it on the calendar. Homework is to look at these dates, do you have any to add for your ministry section. Scott also suggests putting vestry meetings on the church calendar.
- d. July vestry meeting – need to move it to July 12th due to Rob being out of town.

10. Old Business

- a. Parking lot rental – no update. Pete unable to contact anyone about it.
- b. Big parish events – need 4 chalice bearers instead of 2, any other suggestions? Don't do baptisms along with other big event. Need cleanup help, too. Suggestion to sign up for clean up as well as bringing food, allow people to do one or the other.
- c. Another Anglican Communion session? June 16 at 6:30pm. WJ Grinders for dinner.

11. Action Items

- a. Memorial site ideas.
- b. Calendars to review.
- c. Pete – parking lot rental follow-up.
- d. Meeting to discuss director of Christian Ed. – Rob, Scott, Jim, and Mary Kathryn.
- e. Rob to let us know who will be available for pastoral emergencies in his absence.

12. Dates to Remember

- a. Next vestry meeting, June 21, 2005
- b. Newcomer's dinner May 22, 5-7PM
- c. Fr. Rob on vacation: May 29 after church until June 5 (confirmation). Also, June 29 until July 9 (Fr. Joe Herring will preach and celebrate on July 3rd).