

St. Aidan's Episcopal Church

Vestry Minutes

Thursday, June 9, 2011

Present were:

Clergy: Rebekah Hatch

Vestry: Terry Ledford – Sr. Warden, Joey Sargent – Jr. Warden, Harmony Kiser, Don Frank, Joe Rich, David Ford, Carolyn Glaza, Cathy Biondi, and Bob Murphy.

Absent were: Andrea Manos Vicki Scott Jane Simmons, Linda Bowman and Jim Meyers.

Opening Prayer/Devotion: David Ford opened the meeting with opening prayer and devotion at 7:08

Approval of Agenda and Minutes – The following agenda items were added: Discussion of Miss Mary's Ice Cream to new business and an update about painting the cottage. The May Minutes were approved unanimously. Carolyn Glaza so moved and Joe Rich seconded the motion.

Parish Life – Cathy stated that we are getting fewer and fewer people to help with activities and those who do are generally the same people. Maybe we should advertise and get people to sign up way in advance. The heads of committees should also speak with people individually to try to recruit help. Carolyn suggested that the vestry ask individual groups (i.e. Prime Timers) to sponsor and be responsible for certain events.

Outreach – Joe volunteered to take over chairing Miss Mary's Ice Cream for the parish. Rebekah will help with the volleyball day. She will get with Cathy to discuss it and find out who the third church is, how much it will cost and who will help spread the sand afterward. There was a discussion as to whether the church can afford to be a sponsor of this event and how much sand there will be and what to do with it afterward. Is it really good to spread it all over the lawn? Who will do it? How will it be accomplished? These questions need to be resolved before we move forward. Cathy said she wants to continue coordinating the Fall Festival. This year it will be on October 1.

Christian Education – David stated that we average 37 people each week. The children's curriculum is OK as is. The youth still don't have a set curriculum primarily

because we are awaiting a new youth director. The high school program is doing well, thanks to John and Anne' leadership.

Community Care Report – Harmony stated that the Community of Hope training is doing well. Harmony is going to go to Camp Allen in Texas for the Annual Convention.

New Comers – Anne Spencer has resigned from heading this up. Rebekah said she needs to get with Camille, Donna, Kori, and Harmony to iron out a process to get new people who want to become members registered on a timely basis. Since the Parochial Report indicated that we had 350+ people in limbo, we recognize that the process is falling flat and we need to rectify this as quickly as possible.

Junior Warden's Report – Joey is looking for help with clean up on Sunday. Kim Smith is working with those working on the bounce house to be sure that it is incident free. We have an offer out to the youth minister candidate and are still working out details so Joey asked that we keep the name, etc. only amongst ourselves until she is ready to release it.

Senior Warden's Report – Terry stated that a lot of cleaning up has been done. Five new trees have been planted in the back. He is going to have a Repair/Replace line item for capital expenses for big expenses in the budget. He stated this will begin to appear in the next budget. There has been discussion about signage for the cottage and the church. Although we don't know the cost yet, all agree that better signage especially for our big events might draw more people to the church. The preschool sign, for example, has drawn passersby to the preschool. Terry and Don discussed the fact that there are rodents in church building going to food in the desks. This is a big problem and they are working with a company to get rid of them. He will update the vestry at the next meeting. Harmony also stated that she has sent the Community Care Committee Mission Statement to Betty for posting to the website. Terry said that he needs to get a back up for Betty so that the website can be updated when she is not available due to vacation, etc. Terry finished up with a situation in the church where some people using the church in the evening have not set the alarm properly and either Terry himself or Don has been called by the alarm company. The vestry talked about limiting codes, changing the zones so that only certain parts of the church are armed, and dispensing with the alarm altogether. The vestry decided that this issue should be tabled until Rob's return.

Assistant to the Rector's Report – Rebekah stated that there is nothing on her report that requires any vestry action.

New Business – There was discussion about the logistics for the Mass on the Grass so that there will be some chairs, shielding from the sun, etc. There will be carrier pigeons released to symbolize the Holy Spirit and pinwheels. Also discussed was the fact that Cathy's daughter is working on painting the cottage for a Girl Scout project. This will be coordinated with Don.

The meeting was closed by Rebekah at 8:37 with a prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Bob Murphy