

**St. Aidan's Episcopal Church**  
**Vestry Minutes**  
**Thursday, May 12, 2011**

Present were:

Clergy: Rebekah Hatch

Vestry: Terry Ledford – Sr. Warden, Joey Sargent – Jr. Warden, Harmony Kiser, Andrea Manos, Don Frank, Joe Rich, Jane Simmons, Linda Bowman, David Ford, Vicki Scott, Carolyn Glaza, and Bob Murphy.

Absent were: Cathy Biondi and Jim Meyers

Opening Prayer/Devotion: Harmony Kiser open at 7:05

Approval of agenda & minutes (April minutes emailed)

The minutes of the April meeting were unanimously approved.

Andrea mentioned that the diocese is holding a stewardship workshop on 5/21 and she is contacting people to go to it.

Worship Report

No report from the committee

Parish Life and Community Care will report in June

Youth Ministry Task Force Update

Joey stated that they are down to two candidates. They are doing reference checks and have a front runner that they want to offer the job to. Joey talked the candidate's background and experience. Fr Rob agrees that this person would be a good selection.

The committee is moving into full fundraising mode and will start this Sunday by handing out pledge cards. They are due on the day we are having Mass on the Grass. The pledge for Light the Fire will be for a 3 year period. She also mentioned the Aug 20 event. The band will cost \$1000. As a side note, Joey stated that the church was given \$45k to start the program and we have another \$8k. We need to raise \$90k over the next 3 years.

Finance Report

We got the finance reports late this afternoon. April was positive. Contributions were just a little low but expenses were even lower, so we are OK. LHTC contributions are keeping up on pace, so again, this is positive.

Jim also finished his portions of the parochial report. They are looking for additional people on the finance committee. More on that in June.

Jr. Warden's Report

Joey has completed EFM. The other big news was the candidate for Youth Minister and Light the Fire which had already been discussed.

Partners in Outreach was also discussed. They are still lining up some people for the June 5 announcements and activity between services.

#### Sr. Warden's Report

Terry stated we had a terrific Easter. Attendance was the highest we ever had with 908 including 113 at Easter Vigil. The two services had about equal numbers. Hopewell - Two large planters are being dedicated on the day they are speaking about Hopewell. The kids competed on Monday and they did well. The next thing is 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. We will get an update when Vicki gets it. They will take whatever day and time we can be there.

#### Assistant to the Rector Report

The bishop's visit will be October 2. There may be a luncheon for him. Rebekah passed around a letter of thanks from Ian Fraser who did some work as part of his Eagle Scout project.

#### New Business

Rebekah discussed the new Vestry reporting/agenda deadlines. All reports will be sent to Bob by Monday of Vestry meeting week and he will distribute as one cohesive package so that all will have time to read and digest the information before Thursday.

Choir Fundraising – It is still too early to do anything until later. The choir hasn't been told of the vestry's decision. Rebekah will follow up with Christian.

Emmaus House fundraiser at St. Peter & Paul – Chip Fawcett has a rib festival at St. Peter & St. Paul's. We need a team to sell ribs and about 100 tickets. The date is still unsure. There will be a partnership with St. Peter and St. Paul's, St. David's and St. Catherine's. Rebekah will get with Don McPherson to see if he has interest in heading up this effort.

See notes

Taste of Alpharetta - Carolyn said there were church booths at the Taste of Alpharetta. Next year we should plan to do it. We may want to give free breakfast and talk about youth and choristers.

#### Old Business

Volleyball with churches (8/21) –

Parish Inventory—Jane Simmons – People are busy working on it but none have been received. There is an issue about the two harpsichords. They are valued at \$20k and \$11k and we don't know if Christian has them insured. It puts the church

at risk if something were to happen. Jane will talk to Christian about this and we will put this on as an agenda item in June.

#### Action Steps Review

The vestry decided to meet at the cottage again in June. David closed with prayer at 8:12 pm.

#### Dates to Remember

- May 30: Church Office is closed
- May 31 – June 4: Youth Beach Trip
- 6/5 – 6/9: Rebekah will be away
- June 9: Next Regular Vestry meeting
- June 12 (*Pentecost*): First Fruits Event for the “Light the Fire” Campaign
- July 16: Parish-Wide Talent Show
- August 20: Concert on the Lawn
- August 21: Rob’s First Sunday Back & Volleyball Tournament

Respectfully submitted:

Bob Murphy  
Vestry Clerk