

**St. Aidan's Episcopal Church**  
**Parish Annual Meeting – 21 February 2010**  
**Minutes**

Mother Mary Kate Réjouis called the sixty-second annual meeting St. Aidan's Episcopal Church to order at 11:05 AM and quipped that the meeting might last longer than sixty seconds, but that she hoped to keep it short. The agenda was reviewed and a quorum was declared to be present.

Six people were attending their first annual meeting and two people were attending their sixty second annual meeting. Mother Mary Kate introduced the vestry and thanked them for their year of diligent service. She also introduced the parish's members of Board of Stewards.

- Mother Mary Kate introduced the staff:
- Mother Kay Cook, Priest Associate;
- Deacon Don Burt;
- Amanda Nuku, Parish Administrator;
- Connie Branton, Music;
- Sara Parkinson, Organ and Piano;
- Courtney Chapman, Peer minister;
- Mike Sharpe, Canterbury Administrator; and
- The members of the nursery staff.

Mother Mary Kate thanked the cooks for the annual meeting luncheon: Gillian Brown, Sidney Goodwin, Karen DeSousa, Diane Arnold, Kathleen Harrach, Brenda Croce, Bill Sweeney, and Mollie Lee.

Annual Reports were distributed and Mother Mary Kate reviewed the parochial attendance numbers. In lieu of ministry reports in the Annual Report, Mother Mary Kate asked for the leaders or representatives of the following parish ministries to briefly describe their ministries and recognize their members:

- Adult Christian Formation—Kay Cook
- Altar Guild—Sidney Goodwin (spoken by Mother Mary Kate Réjouis)
- Art, History, Memorials, Columbarium—Grace Pierce
- Buildings and Grounds—Bill Sweeney
- Canterbury (dinners and Board of Stewards)—Amy Paine
- Canterbury Music Team—Courtney Chapman
- Choir—Connie Branton
- Daily Parking – Joe DeSousa
- Endowment Committee--John Alderson
- Faith Alive Follow Up—Anne Doyle
- Finance Committee—Bill Sweeney
- Football Parking – Bal Patterson
- Fruitcake Bake—Grace Pierce
- Healing Ministry (including Healing Eucharist) – Mother Kay Cook
- Hospitality—Gillian Brown
- Lay Eucharistic Visitors—Barb Williams
- Liturgy Support (Daily Office, Sunday morning Liturgy Ministries)—Greta Frobieter
- Men's Breakfast and Bible Study—Jim Paine

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- Mission Support—Deacon Don Burt (including African Team Ministries, Sister Carmen Center, Colorado Haiti Project, and other outreach projects and missions)
- Natters and Quilters—Karen DeSousa
- NavajoLand Mission – Carol Rasmussen
- Parish Workdays – Matt Clark
- Pastoral Care—Louise Alderson
- Prayer Chain—Mollie Lee
- Sound System—Charley Noecker
- Sunday School—Gillian Brown
- Ushers—Walt Lewis (introduced as the new Usher Wrangler)
- Wednesday Bible Study—Gillian Brown
- Wednesday Book Group—Nicolas Lee
- Wednesday Morning Toast Players – Mother Kay Cook
- Worship Committee – Greta Frobieter

Anne Doyle reported on the recent Faith Alive weekend and the work of the follow-up committee. The committee has recommended several initiatives for this year, and sign-up sheets were available at the meeting:

- A book group to begin with a reading of The Shack
- A picnic or barbeque for the Fourth of July
- An open mike Christian music coffee house evening on Friday, April 9
- Small groups
- An Introduction to the Eucharist course to be taught by Mother Mary Kate
- A sharing our journeys group
- A consideration of offering an open soup service to the community
- An outreach activity, perhaps with Attention Homes

Mother Mary Kate asked for nominations for vestry members, there being four positions available. Keith Murdock, Grace Pierce, Stephanie Sokolov, and Barbara Williams were duly nominated to serve on the vestry. After further discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that Keith Murdock, Grace Pierce, Stephanie Sokolov, and Barbara Williams shall be and hereby are elected to serve as members of the vestry

Mother Mary Kate nominated Grace Pierce to serve as Senior Warden and Matt Clark was nominated to serve as Junior Warden. After further discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that Grace Pierce shall be and hereby is elected to serve as Senior Warden and that Matt Clark shall be and hereby is elected to serve as Junior Warden.

Mother Mary Kate asked for nominations for delegates and alternate delegates to the Diocesan Convention. Courtney Chapman, Robert Pomeroy, Barbara Williams, Dowell Williams, Karen DeSousa, Nicholas Lee, and Bill Sweeney were duly nominated. After further discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that Courtney Chapman, Robert Pomeroy, Barbara Williams, Dowell Williams, Karen DeSousa, Nicholas Lee, and Bill Sweeney shall be and hereby are

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elected serve as Diocesan Convention delegates and alternate delegates, as the Rector shall determine.

Mother Mary Kate asked the prior wardens in attendance, Bill Kaempfer, Dick Meckley, Bal Patterson, Virginia Patterson, and Karen DeSousa, to stand and asked them to support Grace Pierce in her role as Senior Warden with their wisdom and experience.

Reynolds Crawford presented the 2009 financial reports which had been approved by the vestry and the 2010 budget which had been adopted by the vestry. Summary information was available in the Annual report and detailed information was available in hard copies and from the website. Mother Mary Kate asked to congregation to adopt by acclamation a memorial that they agreed with the 2010 budget and the memorial was adopted unanimously.

Mother Mary Kate acknowledged the vestry members whose terms had ended with gifts of icon paintings and with these kind words: Carol Rasmussen thanked for her faith and the inspiring love and knowledge of Paul's epistles that she brings to our life; Sue Sassano for her loyal service; and Bill Sweeney for his knowledge and wisdom.

Mother Mary Kate then thanked Karen DeSousa at length for her service as senior warden, and for her prayers, her faith-filled performance of her office, her joy, and said that she would remember especially their greeting of students at UMC on behalf of Canterbury and Karen's tireless, energetic outreach to seemingly everyone who passed by. The congregation thanked Karen with a standing ovation and Mother Mary Kate presented her with an icon painting.

Mother Mary Kate then announced an award for outstanding lay leadership to Gillian Brown, citing her more than 20 years of Sunday School teaching, her leadership of the Wednesday bible study, and her leadership of the hospitality function (including the organization of the wedding reception for Mother Mary Kate and Jean Hilaire). Gillian received a standing ovation and a gift.

Mother Mary Kate asked Connie Branton to lead us in the singing of the Doxology

Mother Mary Kate adjourned the meeting at 12:15.

Respectfully Submitted

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William Sweeney  
Parish Clerk