

**St. Aidan's Episcopal Church**  
**Vestry Regular Meeting – 19 August 2008**  
**Minutes**

Attendees:

Mary Kate Schroeder+, Chair  
Dustin Berg+, Chaplain  
Bill Kaempfer, Senior Warden  
Warren Taylor, Junior Warden  
Matt Clark  
Karen DeSousa  
Carol Rasmussen  
Andy Shaw  
William Sweeney, Parish Clerk and Treasurer

Absent

Megan Hebbe  
Nicholas Lee  
Ben Prieb  
Sue Sassano

The meeting was called to at 7:00 PM by Mother Mary Kate Schroeder, and a quorum was declared to be present.

**FORMATION**

Mother Mary Kate presented the following scripture and asked the following questions:

Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, 'I have compassion for the crowd, because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat; and I do not want to send them away hungry, for they might faint on the way.'

The disciples said to him, 'Where are we to get enough bread in the desert to feed so great a crowd?'

Jesus asked them, 'How many loaves have you?'

They said, 'Seven, and a few small fish.'

Then ordering the crowd to sit down on the ground, he took the seven loaves and the fish; and after giving thanks he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all of them ate and were filled; and they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. Those who had eaten were four thousand men, besides women and children.

After sending away the crowds, he got into the boat and went to the region of Magadan. Matthew 15:32-39

Mother Mary Kate taught a model of leadership styles which had been presented at the Gathering of Leaders event which she had hosted.

Resonant Styles:

Visionary  
Coaching  
Affiliative  
Democratic

Dissonant Styles:

Pacesetter  
Commanding

Mother Mary Kate and the members of the vestry described their own style or styles of managing – all styles were represented in the group. Mother Mary Kate then had these questions for the vestry.

The theme is leadership and discipleship. What different styles of leadership does Jesus exhibit? What about the disciples? Can you describe different styles? Which is yours naturally? Which do you use from

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time to time? How do you decide which to use? What kind of leadership do you feel called to exercise at St. Aidan's and on the Vestry?

In the general discussion, it seemed that in this passage and in other passages of scripture which came to our minds as we talked, Jesus could be thought of as exercising all of these modes of leadership.

**INFORMATION**

Mother Mary Kate notified the vestry that Megan Hebbe and Ben Prieb had each resigned from the vestry. There was a brief discussion of the August 31 single service and a reminder to review the single service idea in November. Perhaps next year we would have a single service in the Summer as a trial practice. Father Dustin Berg described the Fall welcoming and program start-up activities of Canterbury, including the barbeque and concert of September 4. Mother Mary Kate described her project to record the formal polities of the 38 Anglican provinces in a single reference volume, with some commentary. This project might well be accomplished with some grant funds and with the use of Mother Mary Kate's study, continuing education, and vacation and personal time. It does not seem at this point like a sabbatical goal or project. As a result, Mother Mary Kate plans not to continue to support Diocesan Camp, or a lengthy continuation of her work on the Board of Examining Chaplains. She will continue her commitment to support General Convention.

**DISCUSSION**

The proposed Stewardship potlucks were decided against; instead, the Vestry will plan for a calling program after the September meeting to contact the parish. There was a brief discussion of the Finance Committee's plans to ask ministries for vision, mission, and program statements and budget needs.

The single service scheduled for Sunday, August 31 was discussed. This service will be a big celebration of our Renewal of the Heart commitment. We will introduce Don Burt and Ann Doyle as vergers. We discussed devoting the free plate offering to the water project at St. John's mission in Utah. We committed to combined fifth Sunday services for a one-year trial period, and the last service this year will be November 30. We should pray about fifth Sunday and Summer service scheduling for discussion at a later meeting.

Vestry goals from the retreat were reviewed: Buildings and grounds has fulfilled most of its objectives; Subcommittees has fulfilled most of its objectives; Revival and Renewal has not made much progress, some plans for a potential renewal event were briefly discussed; and Spiritual Development and Growth had not made much progress formally, although new families are joining.

Fall programs will include Sunday School for 3 to 6 year olds; focus on including youth in the general ministries of the parish, and adult formation programs.

Mother Kay Cook will be joining the staff as a non-stipendiary Priest Associate, with tasks to include assistance at worship, preaching, and pastoral care on a part-time basis.

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**DECISION**

Mother Mary Kate notified the vestry that Megan Hebbe and Ben Prieb had each resigned from the vestry. After discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the resignations of Megan Hebbe and Ben Prieb from the Vestry shall be and hereby are accepted with the grateful thanks of the Vestry for their service.

After discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously RESOLVED that the free plate offering of the fifth Sunday single service at 9:07 on Sunday August 31 will be dedicated to the water project at St. John's Montezuma Creek Utah. The offering will be matched by funds from the Navajoland ministry account up to a total of \$1,000.

Mother Mary Kate led the vestry in prayers, including our intercessions for the matters those sitting next to us had spoken of.

Mother Mary Kate led the Vestry in prayers, and adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

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William Sweeney  
Parish Clerk

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**VESTRY CALENDAR**

All meetings are at 7:00 pm and at St. Aidan's unless otherwise indicated. In general, Regular Meetings are the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday and Mission and Ministry are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic/Kind of Meeting</b>
Tuesday, September 23	Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 14	Mission and Ministry
Tuesday, October 28	Regular Meeting / Financial Report
Tuesday, November 18	Regular Meeting (early: Thanksgiving)
Tuesday, December 9	Regular Meeting (early: Christmas)

**Fifth Sundays (Combined services at 9:07:30 followed by program)**  
August 31 – *Celebration of Renewal of the Heart and St. Aidan's 60<sup>th</sup>!*  
November 30

**And 2009....**

Annual Meeting -- January 25 or February 1  
Vestry Retreat --  
Ash Wednesday -- February 25  
Palm Sunday -- April 5  
Easter Day -- April 12  
Pentecost -- May 31

**Mother Mary Kate's Schedule for 2008**

September 5 - 17 -- Colorado Haiti Project Teaching Mission (2 Sundays)  
November 6 - 9 -- Clergy Conference (Breckenridge)  
November 10 - 23??? Vacation??