

St. Aidan's Episcopal Church
Vestry Regular Meeting – 14 April 2009
Minutes

Attendees:

Mary Kate Schroeder+, Rector
Kay Cook+, Priest Associate
Dustin Berg+, Chaplain
Don Burt, diaconal candidate
Karen DeSousa, Senior Warden
Matt Clark, Junior Warden
Lisa Autry
Joe Bowers
Ann Doyle
Kandace Einbeck
John Moore
Diane Perry
Carol Rasmussen
William Sweeney, Parish Clerk

Absent

Reynolds Crawford, Treasurer
Sue Sassano

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

FORMATION

We began with a check-in period, raising matters for which we would like prayers of intercession or thanksgiving.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

We moved into discussions of general topics, noting that we are changing our approaches to pastoral care in as yet unknown ways to try to learn to be community in different ways. While some parishioners have deep connections of love and friendship in the community, others, who seem to want such connections, do not find them. We need to explore what is normative Christian care. This is a discussion that will continue and for which we should pray.

We will continue to re-integrate with our roots and to live into our vision and mission by continuing to the integration of the campus and parish ministries. This is a discussion that will continue and for which we should pray.

We discussed Mother Mary Kate's wedding to Jean-Hilaire Réjouis. We considered our letter of agreement and believed that no changes would be needed to it on account of the marriage. We also brain-stormed about ideas to integrate Jean-Hilaire into our parish and broader communities, and Mother Mary Kate thought she would discuss the ideas with Jean-Hilaire.

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Adult Christian Formation was discussed. The bible study options were felt not to have attractive topics or announcements. Jennie Carr's class for Canterbury on evangelism was highly praised.

We noted that we have many worship services in the course of a given week, and that worship is clearly a core identity for the parish.

We discussed that Don Burt is now on the final stage of the path diaconal ordination, and that he may, as deacon, continue to be attached to St. Aidan's.

The NavajoLand ministry has much energy, but also needs new leaders.

Mother Kay's healing eucharist ministry has gotten off to a good start.

The Chapel carpet will be removed on May 2 at a work day and the chapel space committee continues to be in the process of formation by Mother Mary Kate and Matt Clark.

The summer worship schedule will be for two services, 9:30 and 5:00, with some alternation of Rite 1 and Rite 2. We'll run from June to mid-August, with a potential extension to the first Sunday of September. There will be varied choir and music options at the 9:30 service.

Renewal of the heart continues, and will focus on a Faith Alive event in January or February of 2010. More information is available at <http://www.faithalive.org>. Formation activities are underway, and vestry members Lisa Autry, Matt Clark, Reynolds Crawford, Anne Doyle, Carol Rasmussen, and Bill Sweeney are already involved.

Renewal of the Heart will continue to develop many of the above themes. Our outward focus should be natural and our inward focus should be nurturing. We will learn to love in church and then do love in the world. Our point is flexibility, trial, nurturing, openness, small groups, and small numbers, and not planning and uniformity.

All are encouraged to attend the Diocesan Vestry workshops. The April 28 meeting is cancelled, and there will be May meetings on the 12th and 26th

After closing prayers, Mother Mary Kate adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

William Sweeney
Parish Clerk