

St. Aidan's Episcopal Church
Regular Meeting of Vestry – 12 February 2008
Minutes

Attendees:

Mary Kate Schroeder+, Chair
Dustin Berg+, Chaplain
Bill Kaempfer, Senior Warden
Matt Clark
Karen DeSousa
Megan Hebbe
Jamie Mills, Observer
Ben Prieb
Carol Rasmussen
Kevin Sanford
Sue Sassano
Andy Shaw
William Sweeney, Parish Clerk and Treasurer

Absent:

Warren Taylor, Junior Warden
Nicholas Lee

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

Formation

Since this was the first extended meeting of the vestry since the retirement of Harvey Burkett, Jim Paine, and Don Pierce and the election of Matt Clark, Megan Hebbe, Ben Prieb, and Kevin Sanford, we all introduced ourselves and told the story of how we had become members at St. Aidan's.

We then split into three small groups, to read the following passage (1 Cor 12:27-31 (NRSV)) and to discuss the spiritual gifts each of us brings to the vestry.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

When we reassembled, we shared the lists of gifts, which included:

- Compassion
- Williness to minister
- Love for the poor and oppressed
- Knowledge and love of liturgy
- Peace making
- Servanthood

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- Understanding of tongues, dialects, and frames of reference
- Teaching
- Listening
- Befriending
- Pragmatism
- Communications skills
- Laughter
- Music
- Community
- Relating the church to the world
- Love of God

Information

Mother Mary Kate discussed the new format for meetings, including their agendas. The sequence of topics will be Formation, Information, Discussion, Decision, and Prayer. It will be an expectation that decisions will not be made in the same meeting as the initial discussion of a matter.

Mother Mary Kate taught on the four principles of vestry leadership. These were accompanied by flipchart illustrations.

1. Among the members of the congregation, leaders have the narrowest rights and the broadest responsibilities (1 Timothy 4:16).
2. In cases of conflict or trouble, leaders are expected to bring calm and perspective, not to enhance conflict or trouble.
3. Leaders are expected to model direct communications and not to participate in triangulation.
4. Leaders are expected to seek out information at its source and not to pass along rumors.

Discussion

Mother Mary Kate discussed the Vestry Retreat schedule, and confirmed that Bill Sweeney and Sue Sassano would be responsible for meals.

Mother Mary Kate's Rector's report included:

- Fr. Dustin will be sharing pastoral responsibilities
- Zoë is being trained as a Visiting Dog
- Gail Trenberth has agreed to be the parish coordinator for Safeguarding God's Children
- The chart from the Episcopal Church website tracking St. Aidan's attendance and giving from the parochial reports for 1996 to 2006 was circulated. Compared with data for 2007 and 2008 the chart indicated a slight growth in attendance and a strong growth in giving from 2005 to the present.

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Decision

The Vestry approved the 2007 Parochial Report

The Vestry approved the minutes for the meetings of January 7 and January 27.

Prayer

There being no further business, Mother Mary Kate led the vestry in prayers, and adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM

Respectfully Submitted

William Sweeney
Parish Clerk

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VESTRY CALENDAR

All meetings are at 7pm and at St. Aidan's unless otherwise indicated. In general, Regular meetings are the 4th Tuesday and Mission and Ministry are the 2nd Tuesday.

Date	Topic/Kind of Meeting
Fri/Sat, Feb 22-23	Vestry Retreat
Tuesday, March 11	Regular Meeting (early: Holy Week and Easter)
Tuesday, April 22	Regular Meeting and Financial Report
Tuesday, May 13	Mission and Ministry
Tuesday, May 27	Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 24	Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 22	Regular Meeting (or take July off??)
Tuesday, August 12	Mission and Ministry
Tuesday, August 26	Regular Meeting and Financial Report
Tuesday, September 23	Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 14	Mission and Ministry
Tuesday, October 28	Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 18	Regular Meeting (early: Thanksgiving) and Financial Report
Tuesday, December 9	Regular Meeting (early because of Christmas)

Other Important Dates

Palm Sunday, March 16
Easter Day, March 23
Pentecost, May 11

Fifth Sundays (Combined services at 9:07:30 followed by program)

March 30
June 29
August 31
November 30

And 2009....

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