

St. Aidan's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting, Tuesday, June 21, 2011

Minutes

Those attending:

Mary Kate Rejouis +, Rector; Kay Cook +, Priest Associate; Don Burt, Deacon; Grace Pierce, Sr. Warden; Stephanie Sokolov; Betsy Matteson; Joe Bowers; Barb Williams; Kandace Einbeck; Heather Corsentino; Keith Murdock

Those absent:

Diane Perry; Craig Autry; Anne Doyle

The Meeting was called together at 7 pm with a quorum present.

The meeting began with a bible study on 1st Corinthians Chapter 11. Paul began in this chapter by stating that the people should "follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ." He then continued with Propriety in Worship. This is many times omitted because it might offend, take away from or turn people away from Worship. But it had a purpose at one time and in some ways, it still does. He then went on to discipline the people about divisions among them.

Mary Kate led an opening prayer. Special intercessions were lifted up for Jerry Corsentino's family in their time of loss, for Diane Perry-as she is not been feeling well, for the Holy Spirit to be among us and help guide us, for a safe delivery for Taryn Taylor (hopefully soon), thankfulness for such a wonderful wedding celebration and that Courtney and Bob wanted the parish to share in their joyous celebration, Don is safely back from the Dominican Republic.

Don shared what an incredible time they had there; not only serving, but sharing in daily reflections and observing the transforming of others around him. Two of the Canterbury Students attended. Don will have pictures to share.

Upcoming events: Open Mic Potluck July 4th @6:30pm, Baby Shower July 10th, July 15-16 Celtic Conference; September 17-18 Renewal Meeting

Discussion:

Audit Report Form 2010- The auditor stated in his summary that our audit was well done and easy to navigate through. There are special notes in the left margin of the article stating who is responsible to fix the suggested changes (Vestry Members). He also suggested changing auditors every 4-5yrs. The Vestry will approve the audit report at a later date. We will also assign someone to make sure that we carry on with the work on the /recommendations to make sure we are in compliance.

Finance Resolution- Grace Pierce Moved and Barb Williams seconded this resolution:

The Vestry Resolves that in the event that St. Aidan's needs to quickly provide the payment of the \$35,000 Sweeney Loan from 2010, that a check may be written from the Designated Fund Account for this purpose, to be replenished, as soon as possible, with \$35,000 from the Endowment Fund and increasing the loan from the Endowment Fund. All Vestry Members were in favor of the motion.

July/August Cottage Meetings hosted by Vestry- There was a calendar present for vestry members to sign up. Each vestry member will attend a cottage meeting hosted by another vestry member (2 vestry members at each meeting). We will share our vision- Empowerment, Engagement and Enrichment. Stewardship was brought up- should we discuss it. The meetings will also be a chance for parish members to share how things are and what the future holds. Each meeting should last only 1 1/2hours. Snacks should be provided (but not a full meal). There will be sign-up sheets in the Gingly Pat hall soon.

Decision:

Joy Care Proposal- There was a deep and lengthy discussion about this proposal. Betsy so graciously put together a bunch of questions that the Vestry had. John Alderson responded. The Vestry continues to have many concerns at the same time as wanting to explore the possibility and Betsy will be in contact with John to address them. There are a lot of unknowns and what ifs. The Vestry overall agreed to pursue the possibility of Joycare renting the space where 2419 currently is, with the understanding that many of the unknowns have to be satisfactorily resolved before an agreement is reached. Two members were not comfortable with pursuing the proposal. The Vestry is uncomfortable at this time of signing an agreement to rent out the space without our concerns being addressed. The Parking lot committee got together on June 20 (Matteson, Pierce, Rejouis, Clark, Patterson (B), DeSousa (J)) and agreed that Option 1 would be the best option for placement of Joycare with some suggested changes for parking. Mary Kate will notify the parish at the Rector's Forum Sunday June 26th, about Joycare's interest in renting the space where 2419 now stands. It was further discussed that possibly St. Aidans should pursue demolition of 2419 and discuss later what should be done with the property. -Side note- Thanks to Grace Pierce and Betsy Matteson working together for getting more than half of the signatures needed to begin demolition of 2419

Letter P-8 was signed for Seth Raymond by the Vestry. Seth has finished his first 2yrs of seminary and is currently doing a pastoral internship in an ED. In June of 2012, Seth will be ordained a deacon. In December of 2012, he will be ordained a Priest. I believe will be blessed to hear a sermon from him. Elizabeth was here for the wedding and she sought out to comfort and be there for Mike Riedeman

Renewing BOHO ministry for 2011-2012 will be addressed at the July Vestry Meeting (July 19)

The minutes for the June 14th Vestry meeting were looked over by the vestry. Stephanie Sokolov motioned that we approve the minutes and Keith Murdock seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

Conclusion:

St. Aidan's Signs of God's Blessings: Courtney and Bob's wedding. There was a lot of bubble blowing, giggles, Stephanie felt blessed as a member of the parish to be invited. Mary Kate said it was so incredible to watch families having such a wonderful time at the wedding (Stephanie and Dan). There were Canterbury students at the wedding (new and old). Kandace had swallows nesting on her porch. The Church grounds look amazing

Kay closed in prayer-asking for continued guidance in the days and weeks ahead.

The Meeting was adjourned at 910pm
Submitted by Heather Corsentino, Vestry Member