

St. Aidan's Episcopal Church
Vestry Regular Meeting – 24 June 2008
Minutes

Attendees:

Mary Kate Schroeder+, Chair
Bill Kaempfer, Senior Warden
Warren Taylor, Junior Warden
Karen DeSousa
Nicholas Lee
Ben Prieb
Sue Sassano
Andy Shaw
William Sweeney, Parish Clerk and Treasurer

Absent

Dustin Berg+, Chaplain
Matt Clark
Megan Hebbe
Carol Rasmussen

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:

³ I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴ constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵ because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰ to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. Phil 1:3-11 (NRSV)

There are many places in the New Testament, especially Paul's letters to Christian communities, that are encouragement. The word "encouragement" has to do with "making or putting in" (en) the heart "cour". I often need encouragement to do my best work, which comes not from a taskmaster, but from someone communicating their confidence and trust in my abilities.

Underline or note in the passage above the phrase that really speaks to you.

- What parts of Scripture do you find encouraging?
- What words are encouraging to you?
- What is our role as the Vestry in encouraging—bringing into the heart—of St. Aidan's for the work that is before us?

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Examples of encouraging scriptures were:

- Hold me in your heart
- Pray always, give thanks in all things
- Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
- Consider the lilies of the field
- God so loved the world
- You did not choose me; I chose you
- My yoke is easy
- In my Father's house are many mansions
- What profiteth it a man if he gain the whole world
- I am with you always, even to the end of time

INFORMATION

There will be an all-parish work day on Saturday, June 28, led by Buildings and Grounds. There will be a single Fifth Sunday service on June 29 at 9:07 and a multi-parish softball game and barbeque on Sunday evening at Heritage Park in Louisville. Also, from Saturday to Sunday there will be a multi-parish youth event called 124 Hours Without a Roof.

Rob Sibley plans to work with Committee heads over the summer as part of a bottoms-up budget process.

The recent circulation of inhibition and renunciation letters was discussed. The upcoming Lambeth conference was discussed. The recently formed *Everything Must Change* discussion group was described.

Mother Mary Kate plans a sabbatical in 2010 and will be forming a planning committee. It is likely a worship committee will be formalized to meet seasonally.

DISCUSSION

Renewal of the heart pledges are at about \$66,000 compared to a goal of \$75,000 to be accomplished by Sunday, June 29. There was discussion about completing the pledge campaign on that date. In addition to Renewal of the heart, there are also recent pledge drives from Seth and Elizabeth Raymond, Nick Lyddon, and Meredith Clewe. Vestry members may be asked to participate in writing thank you notes to Renewal of the Heart donors.

Bill Sweeney outlined a Stewardship Committee program plan for a series of potluck lunches and suppers in late summer and fall. The purposes would include formal teaching about stewardship consistent with the theme "Every member in ministry" and with the catechism's definition of corporate worship: "we strengthen ourselves with others to acknowledge the holiness of God, to hear God's Word, to offer prayer, and to

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celebrate sacraments". We would also describe the budget and pledge process that St. Aidan's will be following in the fall of 2008 to produce the 2009 budget. Vestry members will attend at least two meetings, and the vestry interactions will be a communications program similar to the phone calls in the past year.

DECISION

The minutes for the meeting of May 27 were unanimously adopted.

Mother Mary Kate led the Vestry in prayers, and adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted

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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 4th Tuesday and Mission and Ministry are the 2nd Tuesday.

Date	Topic/Kind of Meeting
Tuesday, July 22	Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 12	Mission and Ministry
Tuesday, August 26	Regular Meeting / Financial Report
Tuesday, September 23	Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 14	Mission and Ministry
Tuesday, October 28	Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 18	Regular Meeting / Financial Report (early: Thanksgiving)
Tuesday, December 9	Regular Meeting (early: Christmas)

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

August 31

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

July 10 - 12 -- General Convention Staff Meeting (Anaheim, CA)

July 27 - August 2 -- Diocesan Wilderness Camp (1 Sunday)

August 11 - 13 -- Gathering of Leaders (Denver)

September 5 - 17 -- Colorado Haiti Project Teaching Mission (2 Sundays)

November 6 - 24 -- Vacation (3 Sundays)