

St. Aidan's Episcopal Church
Vestry Regular Meeting – 9 June 2009
Minutes

Attendees:

Mary Kate Schroeder+, Rector
Kay Cook+, Priest Associate
Don Burt, diaconal candidate
Karen DeSousa, Senior Warden
Matt Clark, Junior Warden
Lisa Autry
Joe Bowers
Anne Doyle
John Moore
Diane Perry
Sue Sassano
William Sweeney, Parish Clerk

Absent

Dustin Berg+, Chaplain
Reynolds Crawford, Treasurer
Kandace Einbeck
John Moore
Carol Rasmussen

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

FORMATION

The bible study was Luke 6:46-49, the parable of houses built on two different foundations.

INFORMATION

Mother Mary Kate discussed these upcoming dates:

- Sunday, August 16 – resume two Sunday services
- Sunday, August 31 – St. Aidan's day and fifth Sunday combined service
- Sunday, September 6, Big, welcome back BBQ after 10:15 service, followed by parking for CU-CSU home game
- Sunday, September 13 – Start Fall education, including 4 week series on mission/vision led by vestry
- Sunday, September 27 – Bring a friend to church day

Mother Mary Kate intends to charter and call a new committee to explore and oversee the demolition of Canterbury House, 2419 Colorado Ave. Potential committee members include Ben Doyle, Craig Autry, Debbie and Bill Reslock, Sherri Prieb, and Reynolds Crawford. The potential charter of the committee would include:

Research the process that would end in the demolition of 2419 Colorado Avenue and the use of those grounds for parking (or other objectives). Tasks may include:

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1. Learning about the City of Boulder application for demolition
2. Cost of demolition
3. Safety issues
4. Length of time needed for demolition
5. Contactors available to do demolition
6. Interim arrangements for utilities (water for lawns and light for parking)
7. Any interim improvements or changes to the property, including a possible Eagle Scout project

DISCUSSION

Mother Mary Kate mentioned ideas for positive changes for St. Aidan's sent by two absent member by e-mail and then asked for ideas from the attendees.

- Set up a database, with names, phone numbers and address of people who want help with various and sundry, but we should also encourage and help those who are not able to worship with us due to physical or other constraints to participate in the life of the church in whatever way we can. There are many important things that people could do at home - - the most important of which is probably to pray.
- Make a list of all the committees, ministries, groups, etc., which includes what the group does, contact person, time/place of regular meetings, and (the most important thing) need for volunteers, including time commitment for each need. It should be both printed and on the website, and the printed version should be posted in the parish hall. It would need to be updated about twice a year.
- Offer regular silent prayer or meditation
- Offer community and individual discernment
- Offer Lenten walk, a form of emergent church worship
- Establish Moms and Tots meeting times
- Park in the front lot on Sunday to make the church look busy
- Use the front lobby/gallery as a meeting space
- Put a count-down on the parking advertising signs
- Put up a Sunday School enrollment sign
- Sponsor a vacation bible school, possibly for all ages and possibly with another Episcopal or ELCA church
- Hold game nights
- Set up supper groups
- Organize a chapter of the order of St. Luke
- Have more workdays that involve multiple activities and lots of people
- Set up a data base of skills and capabilities on the one hand and needs on the other; form a ministry to match and enable
- Plant a community garden
- Commit to zero waste
- Use Lindisfarne green in the summer with benches and a labyrinth
- Handout food to the community, muffins, bars, water
- Make internet available at the curb

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- Focus on Faith Alive
- Participate in the August 8 homeless day event on our campus
- Have a table or booth on the sidewalk and on the campus during move-in week (c. August 20-23)

Mother Mary Kate summarized by saying, “We’ll keep coming back to this – and let’s make it happen!”

DECISION

It was agreed that we would do vestry calls in August. Amanda will prepare call lists and Don Burt will prepare suggested outline or talking points.

Mother Mary Kate read and circulated the letter agreed to by Fr. Dustin Berg, St. Aidan’s, and Canterbury Colorado, dissolving the Chaplain Letter of Agreement and, among other things, setting Fr. Dustin’s last day of service as Sunday, June 28. After further discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOVLED that the letter agreement dated May 28, 2009 by and between Fr, Dustin Berg, St. Aidan’s, and Canterbury Colorado is ratified

Mother Mary Kate said that further discussion of hospitality (begun at the May 26 meeting) would be scheduled for the second June meeting, Tuesday, June 23.

The minutes for the meeting of 26 May were adopted in the form presented as draft.

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

Respectfully Submitted

William Sweeney
Parish Clerk