

St. Aidan's Episcopal Church
Vestry Regular Meeting – 10 March 2009
Minutes

Attendees:

Mary Kate Schroeder+, Rector
Kay Cook+, Priest Associate
Dustin Berg+, Chaplain
Don Burt, diaconal candidate
Matt Clark, Junior Warden
Lisa Autry
Joe Bowers
Reynolds Crawford, Treasurer
Ann Doyle
Kandace Einbeck
Diane Perry
Carol Rasmussen
Sue Sassano
William Sweeney, Parish Clerk

Absent

Karen DeSousa, Senior Warden
John Moore

Guests

Rt. Rev. Robert O'Neill
Seth Raymond

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

FORMATION

Bp. O'Neill was present by invitation. Bp. O'Neill had offered to meet with any vestry to explain the finances of the Diocese and to answer questions about the Diocese at the last Diocesan Convention. He gave a presentation showing that the Diocesan budget is balanced, and also showing that the Diocese has the most parishes of any in the Episcopal Church, but also one of the lowest budgets. This is primarily because the average collections from parishes are lower than in most other dioceses. There are many programs of faith formation and congregational development that could be formed and directed in the Diocese of Colorado, if the parishes collectively were paying their fair share – consistent with amounts asked from and paid by churches in other dioceses. Bp. O'Neill praised St. Aidan's for its faithfulness in meeting the requested giving to the Diocese and our region. He noted that he had been so inspired by our witness to God's abundance, that he planned to ask the Standing Committee to make a similar commitment to meet the asking of the national church and its provincial organization for the tithing by the Diocese of Colorado. There were a few brief questions.

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INFORMATION

Mother Mary Kate announced that she had not been awarded the grant for which she had applied for certain Anglican polity research, but might plan to travel to Haiti in April when she had planned to take time for her research.

DISCUSSION

Matt Clark reported for Buildings and Grounds that we would remove the worn out Chapel carpet on a parish workday on Saturday, May 2. We will also continue to work on our deferred maintenance, repairing and upgrading the air handling system to air out the church with cool night air during the summer to make our Sunday morning services more comfortable, as well as upgrading the linoleum floors in meeting Room A/B and the north hallway. A committee will be formed to consider the needs of our worship spaces, and Mother Marty Kate and Matt Clark will recruit and organize six to eight persons with a wide variety of viewpoints and participation. Please contact either one for more information or to express interest in the committee.

DECISION

Reynolds Crawford announced that Bob Leaman, former treasurer of the Diocese, was available to perform the canonical audit of St. Aidan's books for 2008. After further discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that Bob Leaman be engaged to perform the canonical audit of St. Aidan's books for the year 2008.

Mother Mary Kate announced that the parochial report for 2008, copies of which had been made available with the agenda, had been submitted by the deadline. After further discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that the submission of the 2008 parochial report substantially in the form reviewed shall be and hereby is ratified.

Bill Sweeney recommended that annual request for an Endowment distribution be made for less than the available total and read the following draft letter:

Thank you very much for the stewardship of the Endowment fund that has made an amount of up to \$21,440 available for distribution in 2009. The Vestry has determined to ask for distribution \$11,000 and requests that the remaining amount of \$10,440 be credited as a reduction to the principal of the loan from the Endowment Fund to St. Aidan's.

The shortfall from budget for outreach funds would be made up by an increase in football parking collections. After further discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that the Clerk and the Treasurer, or either of them acting singly, are authorized to present the letter to the Endowment fund in substantially the form set forth above.

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Mother Mary Kate asked that the free plate collections for Ash Wednesday, Holy Week and Easter Sunday be donated to the NavajoLand Lenten Collection Fund and the vestry agreed.

The draft minutes for the meeting of February 3 were approved in the form presented.

After closing prayers, Mother Mary Kate thanked Bishop O'Neill for his presence and adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

William Sweeney
Parish Clerk