

**St. Aidan's Episcopal Church**  
**Vestry Regular Meeting – 11 March 2008**  
**Minutes**

Attendees:

Mary Kate Schroeder+, Chair  
Dustin Berg+, Chaplain  
Bill Kaempfer, Senior Warden  
Warren Taylor, Junior Warden  
Matt Clark  
Karen DeSousa  
Megan Hebbe  
Nicholas Lee  
Ben Prieb  
Carol Rasmussen  
Sue Sassano  
William Sweeney, Parish Clerk and Treasurer  
Jamie Mills, Observer

Absent

Kevin Sanford  
Andy Shaw

Megan Hebbe and Ben Prieb joined the meeting in progress. It was noted that Kevin Sanford had received an offer for a job in Portland, Oregon and may therefore be resigning from the Vestry in the near future.

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

**FORMATION**

Mother Mary Kate asked the Vestry to form two small groups and to read the following scripture and discuss the comments and questions below.

Acts 2:41-47

*So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. **They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.** Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the*

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*goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.*

Acts 2:42 (in **bold** above) is well known, and is often quoted to describe the church, and is the first promise of our Baptismal Covenant (**The Book of Common Prayer** 305-306). This section of Acts is called "Life among the believers" and it is a description of church life.

*How would you describe "life among the believers" at St. Aidan's?*

*How do we use this Scripture to guide our life now? What is contextual to the 1st century and what is carried over and how do we tell the difference? Is it appropriate to differentiate between **church life** and **life among the believers**?*

*What work from our Vestry Retreat is leading us toward this kind of life among the believers?*

After good discussions, the Vestry re-formed.

## **INFORMATION**

Mother Mary Kate noted that the treatment of the undesignated bequest had been changed by the Diocesan Office in St. Aidan's Parochial Report for 2007 in order to conform the report to Diocesan reporting needs. There was no objection

Mother Mary Kate discussed that Don Burt, presently a member at St. Ambrose and in the process toward ordination as a vocational (permanent) deacon, may be doing his fieldwork for about six months at St. Aidan's. He is considering a project, among other duties, of continuing the work begun by Deacon Maureen Beatty on the Outreach Alliance.

The retreat working groups reported on the refinement of their goals:

- Buildings and Grounds had already plunged into work, holding meetings to discuss both site upgrade projects and to review THE LIST and begin work on a multi-year schedule to reduce our backlog of deferred maintenance projects.
- Renewal had begun working on the formation of a prayer group.
- Growth had not met
- Subcommittees had done some work and would be proposing a charter for Governance and Nominating Committee, which would tend to carry much of the work in this area.

Bill Sweeney reported that Mike Wise is continuing the 2005 review / 2006 audit, and expects to have preliminary results in April, to be followed by the 2007 audit.

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**DISCUSSION**

Mother Mary Kate asked Warren Taylor and Karen DeSousa to present two proposals from Buildings and Grounds and other formal and informal committees in a process that has involved many people and that has continued for over six months: refurnishing and redecoration of the Fireplace Lounge, and reconstruction of the corridor through the center of the building from the North entrance to the narthex. The projects were well received and it was the consensus of the vestry that work should proceed on planning. It was decided to commit to the purchase of the proposed furniture to avoid a scheduled price increase.

The project name of “Renewal of the Heart” had been proposed by Bill Kaempfer and Mother Mary Kate talked about the tie-in to our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. She also discussed a possible anniversary celebration tied to St. Aidan’s day (August 31) and to the annual welcome back barbeque.

It was also noted that work is beginning on prioritizing, planning, bidding and performing the deferred maintenance tasks identified on THE LIST, under the direction of the Building and grounds Committee and Facilities Manager Ken Biornstad. Warren Taylor will write an article on this topic in the April Aidan Comfort.

**DECISION**

Nicholas Lee reported on an interview with Mike Demmon. Including his retrospective on his time to seminary and his plans for the next year. After further discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that after inquiry, the Vestry is well assured and believe that Michael D. S. Demmon for the last three years has lived a sober, honest, and godly life, and is loyal to the doctrine, discipline and worship of this Church, and does not hold anything contrary thereto and moreover, that the Vestry thinks he is worthy to be admitted to the sacred order of deacons.

All members in attendance signed Form P15, Recommendation for Ordination to the Diaconate.

The Diocesan event “Empowered Vestry” will be held at Holy Comforter/Resurrection in Broomfield on 26 April. All were urged to attend and Bill Sweeney and Karen DeSousa committed.

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The Pellillo bequest funds are to be released and the Vestry's designation of 5% to the Diocese was agreed to be committed to sponsorship in the name of St. Aidan's of a Diocesan function or event, such as a meal at Convention or Clergy Conference. Mother Mary Kate will determine a suitable event.

The next Vestry meeting originally scheduled for April 26 was re-scheduled to **April 15**.

Mother Mary Kate led the Vestry in prayers, and adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted

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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 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday and Mission and Ministry are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic/Kind of Meeting</b>
<b>Tuesday, April 15</b>	<b>(NEW DATE!)</b> 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**

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

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**Mother Mary Kate's Schedule for 2008**

- Feb 18-21 away for Continuing Education (Clergy Family Systems at the LMPC in Lombard, Illinois)
- March 24-30 Navajoland Mission Trip (1 Sunday)
- April 17-24 Vacation (1 Sunday)
- April 25-30 Continuing Education (Clergy Family Systems at the LMPC in Lombard, Illinois) (1 Sunday)
- July 2-11 Retreat at Snowmass Monastery (1 Sunday)
- July 11-12 General Convention Staff Meeting (Anaheim, CA)
- July 27-August 2 Diocesan Wilderness Camp (1 Sunday)
- August 11-13 Gathering of Leaders (Denver)
- September 5-14 Colorado Haiti Project Teaching Mission (2 Sundays)
- November 6-24 Vacation (3 Sundays)