

St. Aidan's Episcopal Church
Vestry Regular Meeting – 26 May 2009
Minutes

Attendees:

Mary Kate Schroeder+, Rector
Dustin Berg+, Chaplain
Don Burt, diaconal candidate
Seth Raymond, postulant
Karen DeSousa, Senior Warden
Matt Clark, Junior Warden
Joe Bowers
Anne Doyle
Kandace Einbeck
John Moore
Diane Perry
Carol Rasmussen
Sue Sassano
William Sweeney, Parish Clerk

Absent

Kay Cook+, Priest Associate
Reynolds Crawford, Treasurer
Lisa Autry
John Moore

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

FORMATION

We began with a prayer by Mother Mary Kate. We joined in a bible study of Ephesians 1-7, 11-16 and Karen DeSousa led a discussion of how the passage defined our call to work as a vestry. We discussed how we could model service and invite others into service. One mentioned praying over the new photo directory to help with meeting members. We must all prepare and strengthen ourselves by learning scripture, but the bible study must be designed to equip us for ministry, not merely to intellectually engage us.

INFORMATION

Those who had attended the Empowered Vestry Workshops spoke about the program, and the emphasis on the missional call to the church and the apostolic leadership needed in the emergent church. We all endorsed the slide show combined with Bp. O'Neill's chrismal mass homily about Ted Lewis, Haiti, and the call to Christian mission. This will be a part of a Fall teaching series Mother Mary Kate and Don Burt are working on. The need and availability list ministry at Christ the King was discussed. Either Don Burt or Diane Perry will call Jodie to find out more. Mother Mary Kate will conduct some bible studies on Sunday mornings this summer.

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DISCUSSION

Anne Doyle, Kandace Einbeck, and Bill Sweeney led a discussion about hospitality, welcoming, meals, and homeless persons, which quickly broadened into a discussion of the meaning of “shining His light to ...Boulder”. We must invite the world in, and especially the marginalized, and we must work to offer love and real assistance and to overcome our own fears and weaknesses. We may want to engage in a process of learning about our environments: both CU and Boulder. We must also pay attention to how people are coming to us. Our mission as a vestry includes leading and modeling the demonstration of love working in the world, and serving Christ in those we meet.

We should be publishing how our discretionary and outreach dollars are spent, and what that means for us. Also, how we work with Carriage House and directly with the marginalized to offer assistance. Spiritual formation is our continual work, informing and equipping ourselves for mission. Don Burt will be leading in this. We will bring specific ideas for mission to our next meeting. Mother Mary Kate will provide an e-mail reminder.

What does it mean to be always open to everyone? What does it mean to offer food and other resources from a model of abundance. What would we do if a scary-looking stranger gathered a lot of food in the middle of coffee hour and then burst into tears? What are the values we stand by? What should they be? How will we be formed and strengthened in those values? How will we live into those values so that they will know us by our love?

Mother Mary Kate announced Fr. Dustin's resignation, and asked us not to discuss the matter until it had been formally announced. Fr. Dustin said that he was offering his resignation out of love and respect for the congregation so that we would have time and freedom to plan our future, and that he would pray for God's leading for us. We thanked all thanked Fr. Dustin for his service.

DECISION

We discussed a refund on the Columbarium and Mother Mary Kate asked that the Finance Committee discuss the Columbarium and recommend any policy changes.

The minutes for the meeting of 12 May were adopted in the form presented as draft and as corrected.

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

Respectfully Submitted

William Sweeney
Parish Clerk

Next Meetings are:

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- **Tuesday, June 9 at 7pm**
- **Tuesday, June 23 at 7pm**