

**St. Aidan's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting -
Minutes for May 31, 2011**

Attendees:

Mary Kate Rejouis+, Rector
Kay Cook+, Priest Associate
Don Burt, Deacon
Grace Pierce, Senior Warden
Craig Autry
Joe Bowers
Heather Corsentino
Anne Doyle
Kandace Einbeck
Betsy Matteson
Keith Murdock
Diane Perry
Barbara Williams
Karen De Sousa, Parish Clerk

Absent:

Stephanie Sokolov

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

Formation: The Vestry studied together 1 Corinthians chapter 10 and then prayed for particular concerns before starting the business of the meeting.

Information: The 2419 demolition update was presented by Betsy Matteson. We will have to get approval from about seven or eight city offices before proceeding. We are getting estimates for demolition and asbestos removal. John Alderson is proposing a rental agreement with Joycare. The parish has a history with Joycare. There is no decision to be made at this time. Although Joycare would like a decision as soon as possible, we need to follow a process for this decision. We will visit this at the next possible Vestry meeting.

Discussion: The vestry reviewed two documents for the Sweeney Loan, as introduced by Grace Pierce. The Endowment Committee and Finance Committees approved both documents. After some discussion, Keith Murdock motioned for approval and Diane Perry seconded. All voted in favor.

Vestry Retreat- Craig Autry provided a summary about our last meeting which was very helpful. He stressed "empowerment, enrichment, and engagement." Vestry also read a letter from Lou Blanchard giving us guidance for the vestry retreat.

What kind of church is St. Aidan's ? The cottage meeting will be postponed until July and August. We need to better define discipleship. Mother Mary Kate suggests that we need a different mission statement. Keith Murdock states that he is in favor of having only one worship space. What would we do with the chapel space? Mother Mary Kate proposed the mission statement to be " We are a parish church that loves Jesus and each other and ministers to the CU campus." It was discussed if the parish as a whole wants to minister to CU. It was established that a mission statement is to say what we want to do. It should be easy to remember, to the point, and all of the parish understand the mission statement. We wish to serve CU. Another statement suggested was "We are a parish church that loves Jesus, each other and our neighbors." There was much discussion. Betsy asked the entire vestry to write a mission statement and they will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Keith Murdock moved the vestry will meet again June 14 & 21. Joe Bower seconded and all agreed. The Rector thanked the Vestry for their willingness to stick with hard work right now.

Blessings: Buck Frye is healing well and feeling really strong; Joe Heck's granddaughter spoke beautifully at his funeral on Tuesday morning; we don't really someone until we see them through grandchild's eyes; good Vestry work tonight.

After prayers, Mother Mary Kate adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Karen De Sousa
Parish Clerk