

**St. Aidan's Episcopal Church**  
**Vestry Regular Meeting – 3 February 2009**  
**Minutes**

Attendees:

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

Absent

Anne Doyle

Guests

Rob Sibley

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 viewing of a short video called “Shift Happens,” about the changes in our culture. A slightly different form of the video is found at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pMcfrLYDm2U&eurl=http://thefischbowl.blogspot.com/2007/06/did-you-know-20.html>

Next, we engaged in a bible study of a short text focused on Renewal of the Heart: Hebrews 11:1

*Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.*

We considered these questions in the context of this quote from Beyond Business as Usual (page 78): “The leader’s task is really fairly simple: to solve problems in the organization.” (from

1. Define the current reality. What’s really going on? Can we describe it so it makes sense to others?
2. How did we get here? Know the background, know the larger story of Salvation, know the context.
3. Where are we headed? Hebrews 11:1. There’s no moving forward if there’s no vision for the future.
4. Make plans, hold people accountable, bless all risk-taking that follows.

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**INFORMATION**

Mother Mary Kate passed around copies of recent clergy deposition notices and discussed plans for the upcoming vestry retreat. The March 10 meeting will be focused on a visit by Bp. O'Neill.

**DISCUSSION**

Rob Sibley reported on Sharing the 2008 Diocesan Convention. Bill Sweeney suggested beginning a process to make "borrowing" from the endowment fund as arduous as withdrawing. Bill Sweeney also reported that the annual letter addendum to the management agreement between St. Aidan's Canterbury was ready for signature.

**DECISION**

The vestry then discussed and adopted a banking powers resolution for the endowment fund. Upon further discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Endowment Committee Chair, the Parish Senior Warden, and the Endowment Committee Treasurer are each hereby authorized:

1. To designate one or more banks or similar financial institutions as depositories of the funds of the Endowment;
2. To open, maintain, and close general and special accounts with any such depositories;
3. To cause to be deposited in such accounts such funds of the Endowment as such officers deem necessary or advisable, and to designate or change the designation of the officer or officers or agent or agents of the Endowment authorized to make such deposits and to endorse checks, drafts, and other instruments for deposit;
4. From time to time to designate, change, or revoke the designation of the officer or officers or agent or agents of the Endowment authorized to sign or countersign checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money issued in the name of the Endowment against any funds deposited in any of such accounts;
5. To authorize the use of facsimile signatures for the signing or countersigning of checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money, and to enter into such agreements as banks and similar financial institutions customarily require as a condition for permitting the use of facsimile signatures;
6. To make such general and special rules and regulations with respect to such accounts as they may deem necessary or advisable and to complete, execute, and certify any customary printed blank signature card forms in order to exercise conveniently the authority granted by this resolution and any resolutions printed on such cards are deemed adopted as a part of this resolution.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that all form resolutions required by any such depository are adopted in the form utilized by that depository, and that the Parish Clerk is authorized to

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certify such resolution as having been adopted by the Parish and that such resolutions, when so executed, shall be attached to and become a part of these minutes.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any such depository to which a certified copy of these resolutions has been delivered by the Parish Clerk is authorized and entitled to rely upon such resolutions for all purposes until it receives written notice of the revocation or amendment of these resolutions adopted by the Vestry.

The minutes of the January 20, 2007 Vestry meeting were adopted in form presented.

The Vestry discussed the work of the Finance Committee in its first year and a half of work, including the new financial system and the preparation of two budgets. The vestry thanked Don Pierce for his service, and elected a new slate of members for the committee for the coming year, to act as a council of ministry treasurers and parishioners to provide overall financial vision and review for all of our ministries in a single forum.

RESOLVED that the Finance Committee shall be appointed and hereby is appointed as Rob Sibley, Dick Meckley, Mike Riedeman, Bill Sweeney, and Phil Zak.

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

Respectfully Submitted

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William Sweeney  
Parish Clerk