

St. Aidan's Episcopal Church
Vestry Regular Meeting – 14 October 2008
Minutes

Attendees:

Mary Kate Schroeder+, Chair
Kay Cook+, Associate Priest
Dustin Berg+, Chaplain
Bill Kaempfer, Senior Warden
Warren Taylor, Junior Warden
Matt Clark
Karen DeSousa
William Sweeney, Parish Clerk and Treasurer

Absent

Don Burt, diaconal candidate
Nicholas Lee
Carol Rasmussen
Sue Sassano

Guests:

Reynolds Crawford
Mike Demmon, transitional deacon
Ann Doyle
Dick Meckley
John Moore
Rob Sibley
Mike Stowe

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mother Mary Kate Schroeder, and a quorum was not present.

FORMATION

Mother Mary Kate asked that we break into two groups and consider the Joseph story found in Genesis chapters 42 – 47. We first recalled the story for one another (with a few quick references to scripture) and then discussed these questions::

What do you think is the nature of the relationship between a congregation and the diocese, at its best?
What has it been at St. Aidan's in the past?
What is it now?
What do we want it to be?
How do we stay in right relationship?
What does the story of Joseph tell us about reconciling relationships?

After much spirited conversation, we shared intercessions and thanksgivings, and we entered into prayers for one another's needs and thanksgivings, ending in the Lord's Prayer.

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DISCUSSION

Reverend Deacon Mike Demmon, a transitional deacon assigned to St. Luke's Fort Collins, was present because St. Aidan's had been the parish in which his call to the priesthood had been discerned. Vestry members asked him many questions about his process through seminary, his present work as a transitional deacon, and his views on his readiness and fitness for the priesthood as well as his vision for his service as a priest in order to discern whether to recommend that Mike should be ordained to the priesthood. It was the consensus of the members present that the request should be recommended for approval at the next Vestry meeting at which a quorum was present.

Dick Meckley presented a request that the Christmas open offering be donated to the Rotary project to eradicate polio worldwide. Virginia Patterson and Ed Mock are members of the same Rotary group. The Finance Committee endorsed the request. It was the consensus of the members present that the request should be recommended for approval at the next Vestry meeting at which a quorum was present.

Rob Sibley led a discussion of the Budget process for 2009. We have asked the ministry heads to submit thoughtful descriptions of their vision, mission, goals and events, as well as their dollar requests. About a third have responded. We will have a kick-off skit for the pledge drive on Sunday October 19. There will be two letters sent to the congregation, and Mother Mary Kate will preach once on stewardship. Our closing date will be a fifth Sunday, November 30. The budget development process will go forward in parallel, with the ministry budget requests into the Finance committee in mid-October, a draft budget to the vestry in mid-November, and vestry adoption of a budget for 2009 in early December. Mother Mary Kate handed out pledge cards to all present and asked all to submit their pledge cards rapidly to be included in the announcement of leadership pledges.

Karen DeSousa presented a request from the Art, History, Memorials and Columbarium Committee to rename the lobby to the "Muriel Sibell Wolle Gallery at St. Aidan's" and to attract artwork shows of student art or community art on a rotating basis. As part of the renewal of the Heart work this Summer, the lobby had been repainted, and picture hanging moldings and track lighting had been installed. The artwork will be shown only subject to a contract which includes protections for St. Aidan's against liability exposure and a right for St. Aidan's to reject any artwork. An opening show of works by Muriel Sibell Wolle to be loaned by congregation members and others in the community is envisioned for early in 2009. It was the consensus of the members present that the request should be recommended for approval at the next Vestry meeting at which a quorum was present.

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We discussed the vestry canvass of the congregation. Every member should be called before the October Mission and Ministry meeting. Points to discuss include:

- Responses to Renewal of the Heart?
- Initiatives in “Know and Love Everyone” and Participation in Ministry”?
- Fifth Sunday combined services – end, continue, perhaps re-think Summer schedule?
- Responses to questions about the budget/pledge process, if any

Mother Mary Kate noted that she had added a standard staff member evaluation/review process to round out the improvement of administrative practices related to employment.

DECISION

In the absence of a quorum, formal decisions were deferred until October 28.

Mother Mary Kate led the Vestry in prayers and adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

William Sweeney
Parish Clerk

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VESTRY CALENDAR

All meetings are at 7:00 pm and at St. Aidan's unless otherwise indicated. In general, Regular Meetings are the 4th Tuesday and Mission and Ministry are the 2nd Tuesday.

Date	Topic/Kind of Meeting
Tuesday, October 28	Regular Meeting (Brief)/ Mission and Ministry
Tuesday, November 18	Regular Meeting (early: Thanksgiving)
Tuesday, December 9	Regular Meeting (early: Christmas)

Fifth Sundays (Combined services at 9:07:30 followed by program)

November 30 Deadline for 2009 pledges

Mother Mary Kate's Schedule for 2008

November 5 – 7 Clergy Conference (Breckenridge)
November 7 - 16 CHP Education Mission RESCHEDULED (2 Sundays)
November 17 – 22 ???

Mother Mary Kate's Schedule for 2009

Annual Meeting -- Sunday, January 25
Vacation -- February 2-11
Vestry Retreat -- February 20-21
Ash Wednesday -- February 25
Navajoland Mission -- March 21-28?? maybe
Palm Sunday/Holy Week/Easter -- April 5-12
Continuing Education trip to London and Cardiff -- April 20-May 1 in planning stages
Ascension -- May 21
Matt Clark/Laura Fisher Wedding -- May 23/Rehearsal -- May 22
Pentecost -- May 31
General Convention Staff followed by Family Reunion -- July 2-20 (GC is July 8-17)
Family Reunion / Labor Day Weekend -- September 5-7 (not really gone)
Retreat -- September 22-29
Gathering of Leaders -- October 26-28, vacation -- October 30 or 31
Vacation November sometime (depends on Clergy Retreat and Clericus hosted at St. Aidan's)
Also to note: Fifth Sundays -- March 29, May 31, August 30, November 29