

St. Aidan's Episcopal Church
Vestry Regular Meeting – 28 October 2008
Minutes

Attendees:

Mary Kate Schroeder+, Rector
Dustin Berg+, Chaplain
Kay Cook+, Associate Priest
Don Burt, diaconal candidate
Bill Kaempfer, Senior Warden
Warren Taylor, Junior Warden
Matt Clark
Reynolds Crawford
Karen DeSousa
Ann Doyle
Kandace Einbeck
John Moore
Carol Rasmussen
Sue Sassano
William Sweeney, Parish Clerk and Treasurer

Absent

Nicholas Lee

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

DECISION

Bill Sweeney introduced the following five resolutions. The attendees of the meeting of October 14 acting informally as an ad hoc committee of the whole had inquired into and discussed these resolutions, and had established their consensus that these resolutions were appropriate for adoption. Those members were again polled and all affirmed their continued support of that consensus. Therefore, upon further discussion and upon resolutions duly made and seconded, it was unanimously:

1. Christmas Services Collection Designation

RESOLVED, that the free plate offerings at all services on December 24 and 25, 2008 shall be donated to the Rotary International effort to eradicate polio.

2. Gallery Proposal and Naming from AHMC Committee

RESOLVED that the areas designated from time to time by the Rector shall be named the "Muriel Sibell Wolle Gallery at St. Aidan's" and that the objective of the gallery is to display the artwork of parishioners, students, and community members as the Rector shall from time to determine and allow and that all such displays shall be subject to contractual agreements substantially in a form to be approved by the Vestry and that all other policies of the gallery shall be determined from time to time by the Rector.

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3. New Vestry Appointments

RESOLVED that Reynolds Crawford, Anne Doyle, Kandace Einbeck, and John Moore shall each be and hereby are appointed to serve as members of the Vestry in the respective vacant positions until the later of the next Annual Meeting of the Parish or the appointment and qualification of their respective successors.

4. September 23 and October 14 Minutes

RESOLVED that the draft minutes of for the vestry meetings of September 23 and October 14 are approved as presented.

5. Mike Demmon Endorsement for Ordination to the Priesthood

RESOLVED that, after due inquiry, we are well assured that the candidate named Michael Demmon, deacon, is a person worthy to be admitted to the sacred order of priests.

The new members were welcomed and all members signed the acknowledgement of the endorsement of Deacon Mike Demmon for ordination to the priesthood.

INFORMATION

Mother Mary Kate stated that Ken Biornstad had tendered his resignation as Facilities Manager effective October 15 and that Bill Sweeney had volunteered to oversee those tasks on a volunteer and interim basis. Eric Parker and Josh Paton, who are familiar with cleaning St. Aidan's, had been employed as cleaners.

DISCUSSION

Mother Mary Kate decided not to convene the planned bible study, but instead to increase our mission and ministry conversation time as a program of listening to one another and to God, listening for God, and trusting we would hear God in our conversation.

We reported on our telephone polling of the congregation. Most members had completed their lists, a majority of parishioners had been engaged in a conversation with a vestry member.

Themes that emerged:

- Positive responses to the renovations and to the spiritual work of Renewal of the Heart
- Comments about potential improvements or the worn condition of the Chapel
- Positive responses to "Every member in ministry", but also some lack of clarity about what that goal is calling us to
- Comfort with the single services on fifth Sundays; some interest in a single-service Summer schedule
- Realization that of of our members are in spiritual, emotional, or physical pain, that there is much suffering among our members. We compiled a list of prayer intercessions as we went along.
- Conversations that had been face-to-face, rather than telephonic, had been very rewarding

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We discussed that the church may be an institution of mutual care as well as outreach, and that we might strengthen ourselves by focusing on both being in community and being a worshipping community. We could become a community that communicates in truth about suffering and pain. It is okay to be human and to know that God cares. Self-loving, the standard of love by which we come to love our neighbors as ourselves, is a goal of Christian community. Living into our mission of worshipping Christ may include building up our community in these directions, and that work may well attract, evangelize, and engage those in the broader communities of CU and Boulder. We can witness by leading meaningful, loving lives that relate to Christ and being willing to explain the God-given beauty and joy of our lives; to put our lives before others as our way of sharing the gospel, the love of God and our love for one another. One member closed this discussion with this tag line: "If you live it, they will come."

In the course of the meeting, Mother Mary Kate made these notes on the white board:

- Chapel
- One Service?
- Children?
- What Does It Mean To Be In Ministry?
- Suffering

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 2nd Tuesday and Mission and Ministry are the 4th Tuesday.

Date	Topic/Kind of Meeting
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 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