

St. Aidan's Episcopal Church
Vestry Regular Meeting – 23 September 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
Nicholas Lee
Carol Rasmussen
Andy Shaw
William Sweeney, Parish Clerk and Treasurer

Absent

Sue Sassano

Guests:

Reynolds Crawford
Anne Doyle
Kandace Einbeck
John Moore
Mike Stowe

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

FORMATION

Mother Mary Kate presented the following scripture:

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God--what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. Romans 12:1-5 (NRSV)

Mother Mary Kate taught about expressing the basics of Christian faith and about how we as Christians leading Christians are called to lead, including by example and by praying and by teaching. Mother Mary Kate then led the discussion of these questions:

The theme is togetherness, worship, and having the same heart. What does it mean to be together? For a family to worship together? For a community to believe the same things? How do we have the same heart (our Renewed Heart!) about something and at the same time, acknowledge that each of us is a unique creation of and for our Lord? What are cultural forces of togetherness? Individuality?

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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Mother Mary Kate discussed Youth, and Adult Christian formation programs that are taking shape in the parish. We reviewed the letters of agreement for Don Burt and Mother Kay Cook. Mother Mary Kate discussed the potential for the postponed Haiti mission to occur in early November. Carol Rasmussen presented a brief history of the Navajoland Mission. Warren Taylor mentioned that Buildings and Grounds is collecting information about the use of the chapel and hoping to have plan for at least an improvement to the carpet situation, or maybe a more comprehensive plan.

DISCUSSION

Bill Sweeney led a discussion of the Stewardship process 2009 pledges. We will have a kick-off skit 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.

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?

Mother Mary Kate discussed out fifth Sundays – so far they have been good for attendance. We have had Rite II the last two times with general acceptance. We generally thought that continuing seemed like a good idea, although fifth Sundays were not a necessary choice. We could also choose low Sundays after Christmas and Easter, or low or hot Sundays in the Summer, or St. Aidan's day. (By chance this year, the Christmas and Easter low Sundays and St. Aidan's day were all fifth Sundays.) Fifth Sundays in 2009 would fall in March, May, August, and November.

Mother Mary Kate discussed the attached proposal received from Hillel for temporary rental of space. We are invited to attend a barbeque dinner on October 28 before our vestry meeting. We had additional questions of whether their program was oriented to students or also to staff and faculty; what the one-time uses might be, and how many phone lines they might need, and what they thought about suitability of our spaces for their needs.

Bill Sweeney noted that there are now four vacant positions on the vestry, with the resignations of Ben Prieb, Megan Hebbe, Kevin Sanford, and Andy Shaw. Three more members, Bill Kaempfer, Warren Taylor and Nicholas Lee, will have their terms expire at the next annual meeting. In order to keep up critical mass and introduce potential candidates for vestry terms in 2009 and beyond to our customs, and after hearing from our five guests who were attending the meeting to learn about the vestry, we decided that Reynolds Crawford, Anne Doyle, Kandace

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Einbeck, John Moore, and Mike Stowe would be considered nominees for short vestry terms until the 2009 annual meeting. We would also publish an invitation to other parishioners to consider nomination. The vestry will select up to four short-term members at the October 14 meeting.

DECISION

The vestry agreed to the stewardship timelines and canvass programs discussed above.

Mother Mary Kate notified the vestry that Andy Shaw had resigned from the vestry. After discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that the resignation of Andy Shaw from the Vestry shall be and hereby is accepted with the grateful thanks of the Vestry for his service.

Bill Sweeney called attention to the draft minutes for the August 19 meeting. After discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that the minutes for the vestry meeting of August 19 are approved in substantially the form presented.

Mother Mary Kate led the Vestry in prayers for Andy Shaw in his new life, and adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

William Sweeney
Parish Clerk

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September 9th, 2008

Rev. Mary Kate Schroeder and the Board of St. Aidan's Episcopal Church,

The following is a brief proposal and outline at the possibility of partnering with your church for a period of one year while we are in construction of a new building. The need for us to find a temporary space has forced us to think creatively and hopefully bring new opportunities and bring multiple communities together that till now have had limited cross programming.

Currently Hillel serves 2,000-2,500 Jewish students on campus through a variety of different opportunities for them. These opportunities range from board leadership, to weekly BBQs, weekly Jewish text study, Yoga, Sabbath and holiday celebrations, and one time other events. In order to effectively offer these opportunities to the students we are in need of various locations. I've outlined how St. Aidan's could serve as a partner in helping Hillel as well as work with the students at St. Aidan's and Hillel to create new and dynamic opportunities for the whole university community. Here are the space needs and the frequency of them for Hillel:

- Daily office space for 1-2 staff with potential use of a copier, phones, and office equipment
- Weekly Friday Night Sabbath Celebration – 6:00pm-9:00pm for around 80 students
- Weekly Tuesday Night BBQs – 6:30pm-8:00pm for around 60 students
- Meals at the beginning of the year for Holiday celebrations, 3 to 4 times a year – 6:00pm-9:00pm
- One time use of space for lectures, classes, or other activities

There is tremendous flexibility in thinking creatively about how the space can be used and I welcome to continue a conversation to figure out ways that both communities and be served. Thank you for the time and I apologize that I am not there in person to present this proposal.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Adam Naftalin-Kelman
Director, Hillel at the University of Colorado in Boulder

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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 14	Regular Meeting / Financial Report
Tuesday, October 28	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

And 2009....

Annual Meeting -- January 25
Vestry Retreat – February 13-14 or February 20-21
Ash Wednesday -- February 25
Palm Sunday -- April 5
Easter Day -- April 12
Pentecost -- May 31

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 ???