

Minutes  
St. Aidan's Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting  
February 10, 2010

Present: Susan McGarry, Jim Barber, Fran Board, Shirley Coombs, Michael Earle, Sue Pfoutz, Alan Vayda, Len Coombs (recording secretary)

A. Meeting called to order with prayer at 7:10 P.M.

B. Business meeting

1. Secretary's report:

- a. Minutes of the January 20 meeting were approved with one correction: in section C. 2. b., correct the spelling of Sue Pfoutz.
- b. Minutes of the January 31 meeting were approved as submitted.

2. Treasurer's report:

- a. Shirley presented the January 31 statement.
- b. Since the January health insurance payment was made before the corresponding Health Reimbursement Account was opened, Shirley will transfer money equal to that payment from the operating fund into that account and then reimburse the operating fund.
- c. Operating fund deficit: Shirley brought up the idea of transferring money from other funds to eliminate the operating fund deficit. She was encouraged to bring a formal recommendation at the next meeting.
- d. Audit: Northside has informally proposed that the two churches trade audits
- e. Audit Committee: It was moved, seconded, and passed that the treasurer be charged with organizing an audit committee, and that Rob Matras, Cindy Pierson, and Kim Zaugg be approached as possible members.
- f. Treasurer's report accepted.

3. Rector's report:

- a. Susan discussed her plans for her part-time appointment, including the possibility of repeating last year's schedule of working 76% for 10 months and taking a two-month sabbatical. There was support for this. (discussion of stress on church, loss of planning time, pastoral care) The vestry voiced support for Susan's work above and beyond what we can afford to pay.
- b. Susan has invited Ruth Strang and Barb Cavin to affiliate with St. Aidan's.

4. Senior Warden's report: Alan wants to set goals for the year, be proactive to make things happen. These will be the focus of the vestry retreat. Possibility of meeting twice a month March-May.

C. Decision items

1. Betty Rees's land:

- a. Betty Rees plans to bequeath land in western Washtenaw County to St. Aidan's. Discussion of a possible proposal to the township for a special land use permit and to remove the property from tax rolls, land to be used for religious purposes. Some points made during discussion: Should the gift be contingent on getting the permit, is the vestry willing to go forward on exploring options, financial concerns, environmental concerns.

- b. It was moved, seconded, and passed to establish a task force to draw up a report of potential concerns, financial, ecological, and programmatic, and report back to the vestry at the March meeting, and if possible before the township planning meeting March 8. Alan and Jim volunteered for this task force, and Sue Wyman, Matt Bertoni, Karie Harrison, and Marian Kummerl were suggested as other possible members.
  2. ERD ingathering: It was moved, seconded, and passed that the Easter offering be dedicated to Episcopal Relief and Development and earmarked for Haiti. During discussion a suggested amendment to provide an option in the Easter offering for either Haiti or the general ERD fund died for lack of a second. We will suggest at Easter that people make separate donations to ERD's other funds.
  3. Insurance agreement:
    - a. It was moved, seconded, and passed that the rector's compensation health care benefits for 2010 will be according to the agreement with the AARP-Aetna High Deductible 3,000/6,000 PPO Plan.
    - b. It was moved, seconded, and passed that St. Aidan's will provide both the premium and the \$6,000 deductible in a Health Reimbursement Account for the AARP-Aetna High Deductible 3,000/6,000 PPO Plan.
    - c. We have discovered that the dental insurance cost for 2010 is \$1,000 higher than we had budgeted. After discussion it was agreed to leave the budget figures as is at this time.
  4. Dates for vestry retreat and March meeting: The vestry retreat is scheduled for March 6, 9:30-2:30, at the Board house. The next vestry meeting is scheduled for March 9, 7:00.
- D. Discussion items
  1. Living Waters Camp: It was moved, seconded, and passed the we should sponsor the day camp again this summer, if we can get funding for at least half the deposit from other churches.
  2. Diocesan apportionment: It was the sense of the vestry that we should apply once again this year for a reduction in our diocesan apportionment. Sue and Alan volunteered to make a task force to prepare the application.
- E. Reports
  1. Retreats: Following the retreat scheduled for Feb. 20, another is planned for March
  2. Evangelism: A wildlife habitat celebration is planned for May 23.
- F. Meeting adjourned with prayer at 9:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted  
Len Coombs, Recording secretary