

Minutes
St. Aidan's Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting
April 14, 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 March 23 meeting were approved as submitted.
- b. Minutes of the March 30 meeting were approved with these corrections:
 1. Paragraph A.1. replace the sentence "The land has been environmentally approved." with "The land is environmentally valuable."
 2. Paragraph B.1. the second last sentence should read "The combined size of the two parcels is 10.14 acres."

2. Treasurer's report:

- a. Shirley presented the March 31 statement.
- b. Shirley reported cash on hand is very low—it is critical to get pledges in.
- c. It was moved, seconded, and passed that the Senior Warden write a letter to the congregation, using a positive tone, reminding members that summer is approaching and setting out the real need to keep current on pledges, outlining the financial situation clearly, and offering thanks to those who are keeping their pledges current.
- d. Good Friday offering still needs to be paid.
- e. Discussion of setting up a system whereby pledges could be paid by automatic withdrawal or through PayPal.
- f. It was moved, seconded, and passed that a PayPal account be set up to accept pledge payments.
- g. Shirley volunteered to coordinate this. She will find out what percentage fee we will be charged by PayPal, let parishioners know the fee amount, and invite those using the service to pay the fee.
- h. Treasurer's report accepted, with thanks.

3. Rector's report:

- a. Susan reported on the Good Friday and Easter services.
- b. Phil Singer has asked to be relieved as newsletter editor, and that until an editor is chosen Susan will publish a St. Aidan's only interim newsletter. Should the newsletter continue?
- c. Service time is still up in the air, after our summer experiment with a single 9:30 service. We still need to talk with people about their needs.
- d. The Betty Rees land slideshow has been added to the St. Aidan's Facebook page, in an edited version.
- e. Susan Will be on vacation April 29-May 2 and June 17 to 24. Day camp will be June 28-July 2.

- f. Discussion of planned open houses for retreat center, how best to publicize the retreats, possibility of inviting opinion makers to attend a retreat as our guest, signs for habitat celebration should be posted along the trail.
 4. Wardens' reports: no reports.
- C. Decision items
 1. Vestry forums: Discussion of the need for information/discussion meetings with current interest in the Betty Rees land and service time changes. It was moved, seconded, and passed (with one abstention) that a vestry forum be established for dialogue with the congregation. The first forum was scheduled for June 6, after both services.
- D. Discussion items
 1. Application for diocesan apportionment reduction: Several things need to be completed.
 - a. Audit: Sue Pfoutz volunteered, Fran will find a second volunteer, Shirley will coordinate audit.
 - b. Sue will work with Susan on the text.
 - c. How much should we commit to contribute to the diocese for 2011? Discussion only, no decision.
 2. Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice possibly renting office space, possibly combine renovation with finishing the undercroft.
 3. Betty Rees land: Preparations to meet with Township Planning Commission June 14 and Diocesan Standing Committee June 15.
 4. New custodian: This is in the works.
 5. Inviting new members: Discussion led to plan for a special vestry meeting May 25, 7:00 to work on this issue. The agenda will be planned at the regular May meeting.
 6. UTO postcard: This was postponed to the next meeting.
- E. Reports
 1. Reports were not discussed due to the time.
- F. Meeting adjourned with prayer at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
Len Coombs, Recording secretary