

Minutes
St. Aidan's Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting
June 30, 2010

Present: Susan McGarry, Jim Barber, Fran Board, Shirley Coombs, Michael Earle, Sue Pfoutz, Alan Vayda, Len Coombs (recording secretary), guests Rachel Stivenson and Steven Eddins

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

B. Business meeting

1. The meeting was called for the special purpose of discussing response to the June 23 letter from the Bishop and the attached memo from the Diocesan Council, regarding St. Aidan's reverting to mission status, and other points.
2. No decisions were taken during the general discussion of the meeting.

Suggestions were brought up:

- a. We should take the Council at their word and accept the help of the Diocese.
- b. Joint prayer is needed; a congregational meeting would be helpful.
- c. Assuming some current vestry members may not be available to serve on the to-be-constituted bishop's committee, we should begin lining up alternate possible members.
- d. It is important to maintain our relationship with the Presbyterians, and keep them informed.
- e. We should contact Walter McDonald for help in identifying and working with our core values.
- f. Any communication with the Diocese should include support for Susan and her work.
- g. Attention was called to the item in the Council memo requiring our participation in Diocesan educational activities—we should take advantage of this.
- h. We should use the opportunity to help the Diocese develop its process for working with congregations in financial trouble.
- i. We should determine whether our Diocesan contribution is truly the only issue involved—to help determine possible responses.
- j. Susan will get advice from other clergy in the diocese.
- k. We should be sure the procedures outlined in Canon 3.1.4.5 are followed.
- l. Who should be involved in the planned meeting with the Bishop? (particularly if Alan is not available) Names suggested included Sue Pfoutz, Fran Board, Rob Matras, Michael Earle, Collin Ross.
- m. More follow-up at the next vestry meeting.

C. Meeting adjourned with prayer at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
Len Coombs, Recording secretary