

**St. Aidan's Episcopal Church  
San Francisco, CA  
Vestry Retreat at St. Francis' Episcopal Church  
San Francisco**

**2009 Vestry Retreat Minutes  
February 21, 2009**

Present: The Rev. Tommy Dillon, Betty Carmack (Senior Warden), Patricia Brown, Rolando Casella, Sheri Geesey, Sarah Glover, Elaine Jennings, Joe Swimmer, Alison Wood, Lois Roach (Clerk), David Frangquist (Treasurer).

Absent: Grace King.

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM.

**I. Vestry Business:**

- Sheri Geesey moved that Patricia Brown be elected as Associate Warden. MSP
  
- Alison Wood moved that Lois Roach be elected as Clerk of the Vestry and David Frangquist be elected as Treasurer. MSP
  
- Alison Wood moved that the Vestry support Diana (Wheeler's) proposal for the revisioning of Aidan's Way to partner with the Vista del Norte El Segundo program when we provide art enrichment and volunteers and space. MSP
  
- Sheri Geesey moved that we create the revisioning outreach committee to consist of Patricia Brown, Susan Spencer, David Frangquist, Sister Lynne, Don Casella, and a representative from Aidan's Way Board. MSP
  
- Alison Wood moved that we have a general fundraiser in April with Ms Richfield's Bingo Game and Show. We would arrange for airfare and housing for Ms Richfield with Tommy coordinating. MSP
  
- Patricia Brown moved to authorize the Rector and Treasurer to set up a PayPal account to be used to collect special contributions, but not for collection of pledges or other regular payments. MSP

**II. Brainstorming Visions and Structure for 2009 Vestry**

- Begin meetings earlier and on a different day
- Have a potluck dinner at beginning of meeting --- begin at 6:30 PM
- Definite time schedule for the Agenda
- Agenda to the Vestry members a week ahead of meetings
- Committees need to feel that the Vestry supports them
- Vestry members should be able to explain and support budget decisions
- Better communication to and from Vestry
- Keep working ideas in front of Vestry
- More spiritually based

### **III. Brainstorming Visions For St. Aidan's**

- Year round Stewardship
- Solve the financial problems
- Capital Campaign --- when ?
- Focus on abundance
- Have a Family Mass at 5:30 PM on Saturdays
- Committee of and for young people
  - Youth music
  - Funds for musicians
- Work with new families
  - Find out where they are
  - How do we "get" to them
- Youth activism
- St. Aidan's stuck in the '60s & 70's --- focus on our demographics
- Sermons that focus on the environment and other topics for youth and families
- Inspirational music coming from our choir
- Activities for young adults
- More social activities for all --- outsiders and insiders

### **IV. Financial Situation**

- Recategorize outreach funds
  - Community Ministries Board (CMB)
- Obtain:
  - New database software -- Elaine Jennings will investigate and report findings to the March 2009 Vestry meeting
  - Security System for church building -- Sheri Geesey, Robert Geesey and Alison Wood will investigate and report findings to the March 2009 Vestry Meeting
  - PayPal -- for special contributions (see motion under I.)
    - Rolando Casella will meet with Paul Nocero re: PayPal
- What dollars are we obligated to pay ?
  - Treasurer to print out so the Vestry can understand the commitments

### **V. Strategies -- Our Plan of Action**

- Vestry Chaplain will be rotating, including the Clerk and Treasurer
  - March 2009 = Sheri Geesey
- 2009 Vestry meeting dates/times: 6:30 PM / Thursdays
  - March 12, April 16, May 14, June 11, July 16, August 20, September 17, October 22, November 19, December 17.
- Stewardship focus: Vestry Rep. to Stewardship Committee -- Sheri Geesey
- Music Revitalization: Elaine Jennings
- Social Directors: Elaine Jennings and Joe Swimmer
- Vestry Meal, March 12: Elaine Jennings and Patricia Brown
- Parish Weekend: August 14, 15, 16 ... Vestry to plan
- Outreach: Patricia Brown
- Buildings and Grounds: Sheri Geesey, Robert Geesey, Alison Wood
- Evangelism / Emerging Church: Sarah Glover, Elaine Jennings, Rolando Casella

- Stewardship: Betty Carmack
- Finance: Joe Swimmer, Alison Wood
- Personnel: Patricia Brown

#### **VI. Mutual Ministries**

- New Service started ?
- What life is like as a priest for the Rev. Tommy Dillon
- Review Parish items such as greeting, welcoming, introducing newcomers
- Radical equality -- “it’s not just about us”

#### **VII. Parish Meeting -- Sunday, March 15, 2009**

Meeting adjourned at 2:28 PM.

Lois Roach  
Vestry Clerk

Corrected to add Brainstorming to titles of II. and III. and • More spiritually based to II.