

St. Aidan's Visioning Team

Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2011

Gathering/ Lunch Mark Wilkinson- Soup leftover from fall fair

Check-in/ Catch-up: Team members discussed personal issues, concerns, well-being since meeting of September 18. Peggy stated she needs a volunteer for the November 15 Vestry meeting. Scott Miller volunteered tentatively.

Call to Order: 12:23 by Scott Miller

Members Present: Mark Buckner, Peggy Fannee, Ginger Gray, Scott Miller, Nina Rodrigues, Amelia Knight, Mark Wilkinson (Rector).

Members Absent: Edie Barnett, Rick Willis (Consultant)

Opening Devotions/ Bible Study: Bill Dempsey "Smell of Onions" meditative reading including passages from Exodus and Numbers, questions and discussion. Bible reading Numbers 11 vs. 4-9.

Minutes of September 18, 2011 approved.

Follow-up and Discussion:

- Charter not looked at; decided it was unnecessary at this time.
- Milestones and Accomplishments:
 - Need to assign people.
 - Bill volunteered for "Look Around."
 - Need all hands for History Night. Bill and Mark W. will take lead.
 - Look Inward: Discussed what it is and how to do it.
 - Need to gather data.
 - What do we know/ think we know about Parish.
 - Will assign persons to accomplish the "Look" goals as we move forward.

Action Items/ Decisions:

- Team meeting schedule:
 - Next meeting November 15th will work on finalization of distillate. Devotions and lunch assigned.
 - The December meeting will be the 18th to work on “next steps”.
 - Both meetings scheduled for after church at 12:00 p.m.
- Mark’s visit to St Aidan’s in Alexandria:
 - They used the Listening Hearts Program. Mark explained the program.
 - Handouts “What does St Catherine’s tree say to me”; “Is it God We Are Hearing”, and a discernment listening guide, were referenced and read from.
 - St Aiden’s Alexandria is two years older than us.
 - The church burned down and was rebuilt.
 - They looked at discernment work using the books “Listening Hearts” and “Grounded in God” as references. It was decided to order each team member a copy of the books- we will pay for the books individually.
 - Mark will look at scheduling a retreat for us on listening to God.
 - We will use “Group Discernment” as a model for our team and move this model out to the congregation.
- Communications Plan: Discussed putting announcements/ information in the newsletter (Bill), and also suggested using multiple methods to communicate such as flyers, verbal announcements to the congregation, e-mail, etc. Bill will work on a communications matrix.
 - Immediate communications need: publicize History Night.
- History Night planning- History Night was discussed in great detail.
 - Don Ritter will be contacted to provide digital picture archive. Mark W. has a box full of pictures as well.
 - A poster will be created to identify people and events at St. Aidan’s.

- Nina discussed a tentative History Night agenda for congregational participation in small groups.
- Need a poster for people to sign up to provide main dish, side dishes, etc. for dinner.
- RSVP requested by e-mail as well.
- Nancy will give us a tally of attendees for planning purposes.
- Discussed the actual format of the meeting, how the meeting will flow.
- History Night will start at 6:00 p.m. on the evening of Saturday November 5th.
- A check-in table will be provided.
- People will check in and be provided with stickers, sharpie, and a pack of pictures to identify. Gathering time.
- Opening prayer
- 7:00 p.m. dinner.
- After dinner, place stickers on time line.
- Attendees to be assigned to groups with a Visioning Team member at each table to function as a facilitator.
- Guideline of questions provided, each table will work on questions for discussion. Put on chart paper and post.
- Afterwards, Alice will type up "where you are on St. Aiden's timeline".
- Timeline will already have important events on it.
- Questions at tables: What did you put on board and why? Themes will then develop for small groups.
- Have sticky notes at tables so people can add to.
- Don Ritter will have slide show going.
- Mixer: Pics handed out at check-in to ID.
- Ask: What else should be on wall? What impacted you/ brought back memories?

- Report back on themes, positive/ negative.
- Office volunteers will compile/ group/ print.
- Children: RSVP to determine how many. EYC to watch children? Provide games, activities.
- Bill will work on communications: e-mail blast, insert for bulletin, announcement on Sunday mornings.
- November 5th: Team members show up early (time to be determined) to put time line on butcher paper. Arrive at 4:00 p.m. each with two bottles of wine (RSVP will determine how much we need)?
- Scott will contact Don Ritter about Parish Life help.
- Talk to long-standing members personally (Scott will call Don Beamon). Invite any others who may no longer be attending St Aidan's.
- Provide name tags at check-in table.
- Other items:
 - Vestry nominations coming up, we should each consider running.

Summary of Decisions/Actions: A detailed summary of all of the above was presented.

Closing Prayer: Provided by Bill.

Adjourned: 2:45 p.m.