

The Church of the Ascension  
Minutes of the Vestry  
April 18, 2023

Present: Rev. Stewart Tabb, Kristan Huddle, Susan Meredith, Cindy Jones, Katherine Lawrence, Doug Thompson, Rick Jones

**I. Welcome:** Stewart Tabb called the meeting to order at 7pm. Rick Jones led the opening devotion with a reading from Joyce Meyers called "Facing your problems".

**II. Check in:** Where do you feel the resurrection? Discussion followed with places both physical and spiritual.

**III. Register:** A motion was made to approve the minutes of 03/21/23. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

**IV. Committee Reports:**

1. Finance – Budget for March was discussed.
  - a. An \$800 cleaning amount has not been charged to school yet is not reflected in the financial report.
  - b. Expenses increase in last month's financial report still to be researched by Doug Thompson
  - c. Pledge cards – some still outstanding cards but pledge amounts are being paid.
2. Fellowship – The Holy Hike at Botanical Gardens attendance was 7 people.
3. Liturgy – report provided.
4. Day School Report – The school board met last night. There is a balanced budget going forward.

**V. Vestry Items**

1. Recruitment of new Vestry members discussed to replace Mitch Burton, Debra Griggs, and Olga Nichols.
  - a. Vestry members will reach to potential replacements.
  - b. Discussion around number of years to serve. Does it have to be 3 years?
2. Upcoming Dates
  - a. Parish Meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Vestry Retreat on May 20<sup>th</sup>. There will not be a Vestry meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**VI. Clergy Report:** Stewart Tabb present

1. Office Staff position (Jordie's replacement) – currently there are no candidates. Jordie is still helping the church 15 hours a week.
2. The Healing Prayer Ministry is starting again lead by Suzi Montagna. Initial months scheduled are June, July, and August.
3. Sabbatical Planning – Stan Sawyer will be covering church services and funerals for Stewart. Genevieve will be available for pastoral care.
4. Church Services Time Changes
  - a. June 18<sup>th</sup> will be the church picnic.
  - b. 10:00am service from June 25<sup>th</sup>-September 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - c. September 10<sup>th</sup> – return to 11am service time.
5. Next Holy Hike at Pleasure House Point on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**VII. Schedule/Devotions:**

Rick Jones led the closing devotions with a reading from Joyce Meyers called "Creating an Atmosphere where God can work".

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Newbern