

**The Church of the Ascension**  
**Minutes of the Vestry**  
**March 16, 2021**

**Present Via Zoom:** Rev. Stewart Tabb, Debra Griggs, Chuck Beers, Anji Harris, Ann McMellin, Harry Porfert, Mel Phillips, Philip Todd, Doug Thompson, Beverley Buston and Kristan Huddle.

**I. Welcome:** Stewart Tabb called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Doug Thompson led the opening devotion.

**II. Register:** A motion was made and seconded to approve minutes of the previous meeting (February 16th) and unanimously approved.

**III. Check in question for Vestry Members:** As we look forward to Holy Week, what parts do you find most moving and why? Discussion followed.

**IV. Resignation of Harry Porfert:** Harry present to tender his resignation from the Vestry as he prefers not to be in a leadership role, but wants to continue his involvement in the church as he has in the past.

**V. Committee Reports:** See [Attachment #1](#) (Email from Stewart dated 3/16/21 3:08pm, Subject: meeting tonight AMENDED AGENDA). Discussion regarding in-person services if the positivity rate goes over 8%. If the rate is over 8% on Thursday, Sunday's in-person service will be cancelled and the service will continue virtually.

**VI. Vestry Items:**

1. Replacements for Chester Long and Harry Porfert: A motion was made to fill Chester's slot with Mitch Burton and Harry's slot with Kris Huddle, seconded and approved.
2. Discussion of possible nominees to replace those Vestry members whose terms of service will end in May. Debra and Stewart to contact potential candidates.
3. Virtual Coffee Hour: Next one is scheduled for Sunday, April 11th at 11:30. Anji suggested that we divide up the directory and everyone send an email to the parishioners on our list to see if that might have an impact on attendance at the coffee hour. Vestry members to send their lists to Anji by April 1st.

**VII. Clergy Report:**

1. The Congregational Meeting will follow the church service (8:00-9:00am) on Sunday, May 16, 2021 from 9:00-10:00am. The meeting will be outside. Chuck will present a financial report, Ann will present the Outreach report and Stewart will present a report on Christian formation. In addition will be the slate and voting for Vestry members.
2. The Vestry retreat is scheduled for May 22, 2021
3. Mutual Ministry review scheduled for 4/12/21 at 7pm.

4. Boy Scout charter renewal is tabled.

**VIII. Feedback for Beverley Buston:** Beverley present. Discussion followed addressing the following questions:

1. What has been helpful in having a consultant work with the Vestry over the past year?
2. How do you see yourself functioning as a working/spiritual body, the Vestry, as related to your norms, how you communicate, how you make decisions, and how you deal with conflict or differing opinions?
3. What more would have been helpful for you as a Vestry in your work together?

**IX. Schedule/Devotions:** Doug Thompson led the closing devotion. The next Vestry meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Ann McMellin will lead the devotions at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristan Huddle