

**The Church of the Ascension
Minutes of the Vestry
September 15, 2020**

Present Via Zoom: Rev. Stewart Tabb, Chuck Beers, Ann McMellin, Debra Griggs, Anji Harris, Robert Baird, Harry Porfert, Chester Long, Philip Todd, Beverley Buston and Kristan Huddle.

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

II. Register: A motion was made and seconded to approve the amended minutes of the previous month's meeting (August 18th) and unanimously approved.

III. Prayer Partners for next month: Ann and Philip, Anji and Chuck, Debra and Harry, Kris and Mel.

IV. Best Practices for a Healthy Vestry: Beverley Buston present. See Attachment #1 (Email from Stewart dated 9/15/20 9:09pm subject: Best Practices) for resources used in her presentation.

V. Commission Reports

Finance: Chuck Beers present. See Attachment #2 (Email from Chuck dated 9/14/20 5:22pm subject: August Reports)

Stewardship: Chuck Beers present. Reported that Bob and Susan Motley are doing a great job. The Stewardship letters to the congregation will be divided among the Vestry members so that personal notes can be added. Chuck will deliver the letters to each member this weekend and pick them up next weekend for mailing to the congregation.

Building and Grounds: Anji Harris present. See Attachment #3 (Email from Nellwyn Beamon dated 9/11/20 3:58pm subject: Vestry Meeting Tuesday, September 15, 2020 which includes the Commission Reports for September). Chuck added that the pilot lights on the stove have been turned off and the garbage and recycling pickup has been changed from weekly to biweekly to save money.

Outreach: Ann McMellin present. See Attachment #3 (Email from Nellwyn Beamon dated 9/11/20 3:58pm subject: Vestry Meeting Tuesday, September 15, 2020 which includes the Commission Reports for September). Ann also reported that the school supplies for the children of the Mission of the Holy Spirit will be an ongoing need as many families have been affected financially due to the pandemic. The Salvation Army has contacted her regarding the Christmas stockings and Angel Tree gifts, so we will need to decide if and how we can participate. Ann also received a request from Habitat for Humanity to participate in a house building and she will find out more about what is involved. Also no news regarding NEST.

VI. New Business

1. Robert Baird is resigning from the Vestry. A motion was made to approve Doug Thompson as his replacement, seconded and unanimously approved.
2. Nellwyn Beamon is resigning as Parish Secretary. Following discussion, a motion was made to empower Stewart to hire Cheryl McClain with a goal of 19 hours but accept 20 hours per week, seconded, and unanimously approved.

3. Patti Glowatsky is resigning as Christian Education Director. Patti will be available for an exit interview at the next Vestry Meeting and the Vestry members will then continue the discussion regarding her replacement.

At this point in the meeting it was clear the Vestry members would not have the time to devote the necessary attention to the rest of the agenda and Debra Griggs made a motion to continue the Vestry meeting for two weeks which was seconded and unanimously approved.

VII. Schedule/Devotions: Philip Todd led the closing devotion. This meeting is continued to Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 7:00pm. Robert Baird will lead the devotions for this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristan Huddle