

## Minutes of Vestry Meeting September 20, 2002

Present: Stewart Tabb, Katherine Lawrence, Susan Meredith, Rick Jones, Kris Huddle, Cindy Jones, Anne Zobel, Carol Evans Absent: Mitch Burton, Doug Thompson

The devotion topic, aging, was presented by Kris. Aging in nature is seen as a ripening and decaying. We are challenged to move beyond physical aging and view aging as a slow patient learning and a happy letting go, and an increasing tolerance for ambiguity. To live in trusting faith is to ripen.

Check in: Has there been a time when you found it difficult to trust in God? Members shared their experiences, with the common theme that the experience itself ultimately led to a deeper faith and trust as a result of the trial.

Financial reports: A scheduled audit of church finances will be held and is due October 1st. It was noted that a negative 3000 difference between contributions and non-pledged giving is shown for August. The budget is showing a \$46,000 deficit but it will be much less than the anticipated figures.

Pastoral care: Barbara Jones funeral service will be held at Ascension on October 8, 2022.

Approval of Day School Representatives: We voted by email to approve Board members. Parent representative is Shellie Taylor, Church representative is Ibrahim Sanou; Passed.

Liturgy notes: No Sermon Sunday is starting on October 2, 2022. People will form small groups in the pews to discuss the scripture and answer a specific question relative to it at both the 8AM and 11AM service. The Thanksgiving joint service with Talbot Park and Royster will be held at Ascension this year. Refreshments were discussed after the service, and consensus was reached to keep it simple and provide fruit and bagels. The stewardship season is coming up, and members were asked if the church would do something different this year from past years. Covid resulted in a very low-key approach, and members agreed that it seems the best way to continue for now. Trunk-or-treat will be held in the church parking lot on October 31, as cars are decorated by those handing out treats.

Church Trustees: The church is required to have trustees as the church cannot transfer or sell any church property as a unit; it requires the trustees to do that. Trustees are appointed by vestry recommendation. A motion was made and seconded that Sally

Todd be removed as a trustee as she has no active participation in the church. Motion was passed. A motion was made and seconded that Richard L. Jones be recommended to serve as trustee. Motion was passed. The current trustees are Doug Thompson, Bill Willey, and Richard L. Jones.

Anne Zobel is back, and the rector requested that she be supported by the vestry in her learning process.

Stewart has been appointed Dean of the Norfolk convocation which is held September to May. There are 9 convocations in our diocese, and the deans meet every other month.

The vestry members spoke about the increased warmth and joy evident in the church. Katherine will be providing devotions at the next vestry meeting on October 18, 2022.

Respectfully submitted:

Carol Evans