

The Church of the Ascension  
Minutes of the Vestry  
May 20, 2023

Present: Rev. Stewart Tabb, Kristan Huddle, Susan Meredith, Cindy Jones, Katherine Lawrence, Doug Thompson, Rick Jones, Anji Harris, Sally Miller, Rev. Genevieve Nelson

I. Welcome and Check in: Stewart Tabb+ called the retreat to begin at 9 am. Anji Harris and Sally Miller were welcomed as new vestry members. We spoke about what we put aside to be here at the retreat then read and reflected on Romans 12:1-5. We spent some time naming and affirming the gifts of each vestry member.

II. Some Business

1. Rick Jones made a motion to review finances and the safe church audit at the next vestry meeting. Susan Meredith seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.
2. Kristan Huddle and Susan Meredith were elected senior and junior warden respectively.
3. A motion was made to approve the minutes from the vestry meeting on April, 18, 2023. Minutes were approved.

III. Sabbatical Preparation: What things are essential for being church? Open doors, kindness, formation, pastoral care

1. Admin: Simon-Marius has begun working as parish admin. Katherine Lawrence and Rick Jones will assist him in proofing bulletins and approving announcements/prayer chain requests. Deadline for announcements each week is 5 pm on Tuesdays. Doug Thompson will look over the website with a discerning eye for organization.
2. Worship: Liturgy has been planned up to All Saint's Day. Stan Sawyer+ will be clergy supply on Sundays and available for funerals. Stewart Tabb+ plans to train more folks to be eucharistic visitors in July. Susan and Anji will coordinate on opening and closing the church.
3. Formation: Cindy Jones will hold chapel with the dayschool on Wednesdays during Stewart's sabbatical. Kris Huddle and Anji Harris will communicate to vestry about adult formation. Susan Meredith will communicate about youth formation. We brainstormed a little while about potential topics for adult formation: Pilgrimages on the El Camino and to Iona, the Diaconate, contemplative prayer, a panel on caregiving, arts in worship, and angels by Susan Meredith. There are also picture cars and lectio divina available as options.
4. Outreach: Sally Miller volunteered to coordinate information for outreach programs. Cindy Jones and Genevieve Nelson+ will connect with Granby Elementary and High Schools to explore potential partnerships.
5. Pastoral Care: Genevieve Nelson+ will be the point of contact for pastoral care during sabbatical.
6. Fellowship: Anji Harris will continue coordinating coffee hour. Sept 10 will be the kickoff for the fall.
7. Stewardship: Stewart Tabb+ will speak with Lynn Farlin about reworking our stewardship program.

IV. Closing: Kris Huddle volunteered to lead the opening and closing devotion for the next vestry

meeting on Tuesday, June 20, 2023.

Respectfully submitted by the Rev. Genevieve Nelson