

**The Church of the Ascension
Minutes of the Vestry
October 19, 2021**

Present: Rev. Stewart Tabb, Anji Harris, Doug Thompson, Susan Meredith, Cindy Jones, Mitch Burton and Kristan Huddle.

I. Welcome: Stewart Tabb called the meeting to order at 7pm. Cindy Jones led the opening devotion.

II. Register: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the last meeting (September 21st), seconded and unanimously approved.

III. Check in: What keeps you up at night? Discussion followed.

IV. Committee reports:

A. Finance: Mitch Burton present:

[Treas -September 2021.xlsx](#)

[Treasurer's Report as of September 2021 for General Fund.pdf](#)

[Consolidated Fund Activity Report for September 2021.pdf](#)

[Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2021.pdf](#)

Stewardship: A letter will go out to the congregation this week, followed by a letter from Stewart. Then on November 1st pledge cards will be sent out.

Audit: Doug Thompson present. Meeting with Jane Webster tomorrow regarding what records she needs to pull. Then he will get a group together to do the audit in the coming week.

B. Building and Grounds: Susan Meredith present.

Bill W, Tim W, Merrill and I continue to meet on Tuesdays to work on projects at the church. All are welcome to join us!

Merrill comes in on the weekends and works on Day School and church projects. Floor repairs, plumbing, door stops, window work, cabinet work, etc.

The dedicated mowers continue caring for our lawns.

The AED needs to be replaced. See attached email from Chuck B. Vestry needs to vote on purchasing a new one.

On Oct 4, 2021, at 10:06 PM, Charles Beers <chsubeers@gmail.com> wrote:

Susan ...I talked to the salesman about our AED. I was referred by Stewart as I bought the present one outside the office. The bottom line is the AED is 12 years old and the recommendation is to replace at 10 years. There is also a very small possibility that it will have a malfunction when being used. We are way out of warranty, and it is under a voluntary recall. It appears that ours is still working as it is still self-checking but its end of life is unknown. They are offering a deal with 8

years of warranty coverage. The cost of a new one with same company we have now is \$985.14.

I would strongly recommend that B&G recommend a replacement to the Vestry. I don't think we can do other wise

We could keep the old one for a spare/backup and for training. I am available for questions if you have any.

Chuck Beers
757 423 0363

We had Myers Plumbing clear part of the sewer line in the Day School wing, pull up the toilets in the Ladies Room and repair a broken pipe of one of the pedestal sinks.

BFPE made their annual inspection of the fire alarm, exit lights and fire extinguishers in August.

Verdin performed Bell maintenance in August.

The security lock system was not working on the Office entrance and the subcontractor was called in to fix the problem in August.

C. Pastoral Care: Kristan Huddle present. No report.

D. Outreach: Ann McMellin will be heading up Salvation Army stockings in December.

E. Day School: No report.

F. Liturgy: No report.

G. Formation: Susan Meredith present.

During the month of September we started Sunday school back up.

The adults are using a 5 week study called Difference. An online class is offered Wed Nights using Difference.

The children (3 YOs - 11 YOs) are following Godly Play. Class size has ranged from 3 kids to 8 kids.

The Youth Group (includes Talbot Park Baptist) has had one meeting.

There is a Pumpkin Carving this Sunday afternoon.

We have invited other churches in our Convocation.

V. Vestry Items:

- A. Filling Vestry Vacancy:** Discussed additional candidates. Stewart to contact.
- B. AED Replacement?** See Building and Grounds report above. Doug to contact Enerspect Medical Solutions, Phillips and the Sentara Foundation about receiving an AED for free or at reduced cost.
- C. Fellowship, what and when?** Discussed some options. Planning on watching an NFL game (Tampa Bay v. Washington Redskins) at 1:00pm in Rose Hall on November 14th following the 11am service with Walmart subs and **Bring Your Own Beverage** and a Chair.
- D. Two Additional Check signers needed:** A motion was made to approve Anji Harris and Mitch Burton as the two additional check signers, seconded and unanimously approved.

VI. Clergy Report: Stewart Tabb present.

A. Formation for Adults: There will be something every Sunday at 9:30. Ideas discussed such as the Difference course, a study of the book The Universal Christ by Richard Rohr etc.

B. Family leave in December: Stewart's Mom's knee surgery has been rescheduled to 12/2/21 and she would be caring for her for 2 weeks.

VII. Schedule/Devotions: Cindy Jones led the closing devotions. The next Vestry Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Kris Huddle to lead the devotions at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristan Huddle