

**The Church of the Ascension  
Minutes of the Vestry  
August 17, 2021**

**Present via Zoom:** Rev. Stewart Tabb, Anji Harris, Doug Thompson, Olga Gonzalez Nichols, Susan Meredith, Cindy Jones, Mitch Burton, Debra Griggs and Kristan Huddle.

**I. Welcome:** Stewart Tabb called the meeting to order at 7pm. Anji Harris led the opening devotion.

**II. Register:** A motion was made to approve the minutes of the last meeting (July 20th), seconded and unanimously approved.

**III. Check in:** Think of a time when you felt hurt. How did you respond? Would you have liked to respond differently? If so, how? Discussion followed.

**IV. Committee reports:**

**Finance:** Mitch Burton present. Currently \$12,800 under in pledges. Keeping expenses down. Budgeting \$14,000 for staff position and \$20,000 for director of music (organist). [Financials0721CCF\\_005106 \(1\).pdf](#)

**Building and Grounds:** Susan Meredith present. No report. Working on cleaning with Day School.

**Pastoral Care:** Kristan Huddle present. No report. Let the Vestry know how grateful George Maihafer and the Pastoral Care committee is for the continuing significant support of the Willey's et al with regards to Peggy Hackett. Also two of our parishioners in convalescent care died this past month: Marian Parsons and Jimmy Edge.

**Outreach:** Collecting school supplies until 9/1/21. Boxes in Narthex.

**Day School:** Need two Parishioners on the Day School board.

**Formation:** [See attached report of meeting 8/4/21.](#)

**V. Vestry Items:**

**A. Doug Thompson may be out for a bit (4-6 weeks):** Doug proposed that Anji Harris, currently Junior Warden, temporarily assume Senior Warden duties and that another Vestry member temporarily train in Junior Warden position. Motion made that Anji Harris will, during Doug's incapacity, assume Senior Warden position and Olga Gonzalez Nichols will train in Junior Warden position, seconded and unanimously approved.

**B. Filling the Vestry Vacancy:** Discussed candidates for filling the vacancy.

C. **Filling Staff Vacancies:** Stewart has a qualified candidate and wants to offer \$16/hr for 19 hours/week. A motion was made to offer \$16/hour for 19 hours/week to office person, seconded and unanimously approved.

D. **Fellowship:** Luncheon on 9/12 following the 11am service. Decision made to order pizzas and ice cream sandwiches from Costco. Doug to pick up. Kris to bring paper products.

E. **Calling list:** Anji working on spreadsheet.

F. **COVID How do we monitor:** We will go back to monitoring (contact tracing) who is present at each service (taking a photograph/making a list) so that if anyone tests positive, the church will notify all in attendance who may then get tested and/or quarantine themselves. We will continue to worship with masks and socially distance. At present we are comfortable with coffee hours as long as we mask and socially distance.

G. **DIFFERENCE training:** Scheduled to start 5 sessions 9/19, 9-10:30am.

**VI. Clergy Report:** Stewart's request for Family leave cancelled as Covid cancelled her Mom's surgery.

**VII. Schedule/Devotions:** Anji Harris led the closing devotions. The next Vestry Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Mitch Burton to lead the devotions at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristan Huddle

**Attachments:**

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[Notes from Formation meeting. 8/4/21](#)

God loves us.

God forgives us.

God heals us.

God invites us.

God calls us.

Adult Formation will be starting September 19th lead by Anji, Olga, Kris and Debra. It is a 5 week course called Difference. Stewart will be doing a zoom class for all who cannot make it on Sunday.

There will be a meeting on Sunday September 12th at 9:30am for parents and kids ages 3years to fifth graders on the playground. We will present our plan for the year and ask for parents' thoughts. We will have the nursery open for younger children.

Our plan is to have one class to start with for the above ages. Hoping for some teenagers to help with teaching the class and the older participants helping too. When need to, we will add more classes. We are praying for teachers, to be able to have a pool of teachers to share the responsibility. We would like to have the middle day school class back as our Godly Play Sunday school Room.

We will also have a bonfire the same day from 5-7pm for parents and their teenagers. We will present our Vision for the Youth: What does it look like for you to be the face of healing? Our teenagers have experienced or know others who have experienced depression, suicide, homelessness, drugs, alcohol, loneliness, etc. We also want input from everyone, and volunteers. We would like to have teenagers help with the younger Sunday school class.

We would like our congregation to be a part of our youth program. Kids need connections with 5 adults. They need to know our youth and communicate their faith to the kids.