

**The Church of the Ascension
Minutes of the Vestry
September 21, 2021**

Present: Rev. Stewart Tabb, Doug Thompson, Olga Gonzalez Nichols, Susan Meredith, Cindy Jones, Mitch Burton and Kristan Huddle.

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

II. Register: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the last meeting (August 17th), seconded and unanimously approved.

III. Check in: You have just had an unexpected windfall of \$25,000! What are your considerations regarding how you spend/save your winnings? Discussion followed.

IV. Committee reports:

A. Finance: Mitch Burton present:

[Balance Sheet as of August 31, 2021.pdf](#)

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

[Copy of Treas -August 2021.xlsx](#)

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

B. Building and Grounds: Susan Meredith present.

B & G Report 9/14/21

The following are building projects that have been completed:

Myer's Plumbing pulled and reset toilets in Ladies Room. All seals were compromised and adding to odor in bathroom.

Myer's repaired the leaking drain line on one of the sinks that had corroded.

Myer's plumbing pulled toilet in "EYC" Room. There was a stoppage in the drain line of the last 3 toilets in the Sunday School/Day School wing. They cleared the line with a large drain machine.

The coil of the AC unit in the Choir loft was replaced.

BFPE did the annual system inspections(KIDDE WHRD 260, Exit Light, and Extinguishers).

Projects still in the works:

Stripping and sealing of the hallways and choir room. Waiting to see if Vernon can do this work.

Yard Maintenance.

Reglazing of windows where needed.

Floor tile repairs in choir room.

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

D. Outreach: No report.

E. Day School: Matthew Huddle and Suzi Montagna on Day School Board.

F. Liturgy: Shortened service due to Covid 19; 30-40 minutes per Bishop.

G. Formation: Susan Meredith and Cindy Jones present:
Sunday School Report

Tell it to your children, and let your children tell it to their children to the next generation.

Joel 1:3

Train a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not turn from it.

Prov 22:6

Only be careful and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

Deut 4:9

Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Deut 6:4-7

We had our first SS meeting of parents and kids(3-11YO) on the playground.

Parents were ok with no masks outside.

There was a good turnout, 8 kids and parent/s.

Another 3 kids were signed up later in the day.

We shared the vestry's Vision: Honor the Past, Look to the Future, Be the Face of Healing.

Our teachers so far are Courtney W, Cindy Jones, Stewart T, Susan M, Donna K, and Betty H.

We asked for parents to pray for us and consider helping.

We need more teachers to be able to staff the whole Calendar year.

We will be using Godly Play.

We will all be in one class room to start. We will adapt if changes are needed bc of COVID.

We will call on the older kids to help tell the stories, read out of the Bible and answer deeper questions.

We want to challenge all ages.

Class time is 9:30 -10:30am.

Adult Ed starts at 9:00am so we need to have something available for the kids that come early.

We also are providing a nursery from 8-12pm

V. Vestry Items:

A. Filling Vestry vacancy: Discussed possible candidates.

B. Call List: Everyone has access to call list and needs to choose names to contact. Olga to add column to spread sheet for indicating whether people are currently attending or have not attended since Covid (this will help Olga and Kris since we are newer and not as familiar with parishioners).

C. Audit: Doug Thompson and Mitch Burton present: Discussion of how audit conducted in the past and who participated. Will need to take place early in October as Jane Webster leaving for several months late October.

D. Stewardship: Olga Gonzalez Nichols and Mitch Burton to lead campaign.

VI. Clergy Report: Stewart Tabb present. Sabbatical Family Leave request cancelled due to Covid cancelling her mother's surgery.

VII. Schedule/Devotions: Mitch Burton led the closing devotions. The next Vestry Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Cindy Jones to lead the devotions at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristan Huddle