

The Church of the Ascension
Minutes of the Vestry
July 21, 2020

Present Via Zoom: Rev. Stewart Tabb, Chuck Beers, Ann McMellin, Debra Griggs, Robert Baird, Mel Phillips, Chester Long, Philip Todd, Harry Porfert, Beverley Buston and Kristan Huddle.

I. Welcome: Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Debra Griggs led the opening devotion.

II. Register: A motion was made and seconded to approve the corrected minutes of the previous month's meeting (June 16th) and unanimously approved.

III. Staff reports: See Attachment #1 (Email from Stewart Tabb dated 7/20/2020 11:39am with subject Vestry Reminder) for Patti Glowatsky's Family Formation report and Mark Hattler's Day School report and Day School Financial report.

IV. Treasurer/Finance: Chuck Beers present. See Attachment #1 (Email from Stewart Tabb dated 7/20/2020 11:39am with subject Vestry Reminder) for the Treasurer's report for June 2020, the Balance Sheet as of 6/30/2020, Treasurer's report as of June 2020 General Fund and the Consolidated Fund Activity report for June 2020.

V. Building and Grounds: See Attachment #1 (Email from Stewart Tabb dated 7/20/2020 11:39am with subject Vestry Reminder) for Susan Meredith's Building and Grounds report.

VI. Pastoral Care: Mel Phillips present. See Attachment #1 (Email from Stewart Tabb dated 7/20/2020 11:39am with subject Vestry Reminder) for George Maihafer's Pastoral Care report.

VII. Food Pantry and Outreach: Ann McMellin present. The Food Bank is closed for cleaning so there is a need for more contributions of food and money. Catholic Workers is involved in feeding the homeless and in need of volunteer help and food items. Ann will add a notice in the church announcements.

VIII. New Business and Rector's report: Stewart Tabb present.

1. Lee Musgrave's letter regarding the Chapel was read to the Vestry. Discussion followed. It was agreed that the Vestry is committed to the clarity of information in the Vestry minutes. That statement will be added to the Norms.
2. Feedback on Reopening in person. See Attachment #1 (Email from Stewart Tabb dated 7/20/2020 11:39am with subject Vestry Reminder) for Stewart's report regarding feedback. Discussion followed. Stewart to meet with Ann and Anji to discuss other options for regathering.
3. Getting to Why: Susan Motley and Stewart are inviting parishioners to share their stories about Ascension.

4. Dishwasher repair will cost \$1200. Discussion followed: should Day School pay for the repair? Ordinarily the Day School doesn't use the dishwasher, but have been using it since the Covid19 pandemic.
5. Debra Griggs and Stewart Tabb to develop a Memorandum of Understanding regarding splitting costs between Church and Day School.
6. Day School Board Appointments are not yet available. Need to appoint another church member to the board. Stewart reminded the Vestry that the Day school is an Outreach Mission.
7. Prayer Partners - Beverley Buston's suggestion that the prayer partners get together with each other to discuss what they may need prayer for; another way for the Vestry to build relationships with each other. Current prayer partners are Harry and Ann, Chuck and Phil, Robert and Debra, Chester and Mel and Anji and Kris.
8. Vestry Retreat set for August 15th from 9am to 4pm at Church of the Good Shepherd. The retreat will consist of some business, team building, and best practices. The Vestry is asked to read the emails from the Commissions and be prepared to talk about what Commission they feel called to and what gifts or skills they will bring to it.

IX. Schedule/Devotions: Debra Griggs led the closing devotion. The next Vestry meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 15, 2020. Philip Todd will lead the devotions for this meeting.

ADDENDUM to the minutes:

On 7/30/20 the Vestry approved by an email vote, the appointment of three new board members for the Day School.

Kelsey Johns, parent representative

Joe Kennedy, parent representative

Max Dale, parish representative.

On August 3, the Vestry met by Zoom to continue the Day School's proposal to create a multi grade classroom for supervised virtual learning. The proposals and explanation sent out prior to the meeting. After discussion, the vestry voted to support the proposal that includes free tuition for five children of Day School staff, and tuition of \$875 a month for siblings of children already in the Day School.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristan Huddle