

ASCENSION EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Vestry Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2015

Present: James Berrie, Mike Black, Cindy Breton, Cheryl Coppock, John Edel, Thom Fenner, Michael Fox, Carol Goulet, Matt Murphy, Jeri Platt, John Searle, Rev. Todd Bryant

Absent: Clement Falayi

Guest: Nancy Clausey

Opening Prayer/Call to Order: Fr. Todd opened with a prayer for Vestry and parishoners and Mike Black called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

New Business: AES Reallocation of space: Nancy Clausey joined us to detail her thoughts for expanding the school's capacity for caring for the booming group of 3 month old to 2 year olds. She stated that currently there is not enough room in this area for siblings of current AES students. She has worked with Fr. Todd to find ways to expand this area and also to improve campus security. Under her proposal the Church and School offices would be housed in the current AES administration building and a temporary building would be installed as a work room for both the school and church. If the Vestry approves this proposal she would then take this to the AES Board of Directors for approval. **Motion #1 - Michael Fox made a motion to approve the exploration of reallocation of space to increase the under two year old area of the school and relocation of the church offices; Carol Goulet seconded the motion; discussion followed and the motion carried.**

Consent Agenda: **Motion #2 – John Searle made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda, Cindy Breton seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion carried.**

Old Business:

- a. **Subcommittees** – Mike Black reported he would send out a description of the subcommittees via email to all Vestry and then would contact each member to follow up.
- b. **Resurfacing of AES front parking lot** – John Searle reported that a bid has been received and Mike Black reported that more will be coming regarding resurfacing with asphalt versus concrete.
- c. **Sudanese Church** – Fr. Todd reported the Sudanese Church had their first service at Ascension this past Sunday from 2:30 to 5:00 and it seems all went well.
- d. **Mission trip to Dulac, LA** – Fr. Todd reported the mission trip has been set for June and we currently have 17 participants although we can take 30. We will be hearing more as we go forward regarding fundraising events at the church to defray some of the cost.

New Business:

- a. **Eagle Scout Project** – John Searle reported on an Eagle Scout project proposal to build a bridge over the drainage ditch behind the AES administration building. **Motion #3 – Cindy Breton made a motion to accept the Eagle Scout project to build a bridge on our property; Cheryl Coppock seconded the motion; discussion followed; the motion carried.**
- b. **Upcoming maintenance issues** - Matt Murphy reported the Finance Committee will work with John Searle, Jr. Warden on upcoming maintenance issues.

Adjourn: Motion #4 – Matt Murphy made a motion to adjourn at 7:39 p.m., Carol Goulet seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion carried.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Todd offered a closing prayer and the Vestry recited The Lord's Prayer to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeri Platt
Clerk