



Ascension Episcopal Church

Meeting of the Vestry

24 April 2018; 7:00 P.M.; Parish Library

MINUTES

Father Bob opened the meeting with prayer. The meeting was officially called to order at 7:05pm. Father Bob confirmed a quorum. Members present include Glen, Tom, Bob, Edwin, Liz, Gemma, Doug, Fay, Lee and Sharon. Absent: Margo, Olive and Michele

The March vestry minutes were reviewed. Tom Sutton made a motion to accept the March minutes as presented. Doug Meyers gave a second. Minutes were approved. Father Bob Called for additional agenda for tonight's meeting

Posted Committee Reports were reviewed.

Property: Lee made an addition to the property committee report. The AC in the sanctuary has a motor that is malfunctioning. The property committee would like to recommend that we fix this motor. The cost will be \$3490. Glenn proposed that amount come from one of the discretionary fund (major maintenance). Glenn made a second to the proposal. All voted aye. The property committee also reviewed needed improvements for the organ. The committee is not prepared to ask for that money at this time. Tom brought up the idea to present the parish with a fundraiser specific to the organ. Tom is going to talk with Suzanne at the staff meeting to work on the creation of the letter. Finally, Lee discussed the heating and cooling system in the parish life building. There is a need to bring the system up to date to a 2018 system. There is a proposal in hand to the tune of \$12,000 to make the system programmable, even remotely. Tom is working on some possible funding options. He will send a communication soon on how he suggests we move forward.

Bob reviewed the Interim Rector's Report.

- a. Several parishioners asked about resurrecting the idea of a Feast of the Ascension event – May 11th. Bob is open to this idea. It used to be connected to a school event, but that doesn't take place anymore. Liz asked if there might be a way to collaborate with the school on an activity. It was determined that a week day is too difficult to ask parents to plan something on a school night. Further conversation led to the decision that we would have a eucharistic celebration for Bob this year. He will engage the staff in conversation about it tomorrow. Consider making plans to engage the school next year.
- b. Quick review of Lent/Holy Week/Easter celebrations
Vestry members shared their feedback for the worship committee about the entire Holy Week.
- c. Annual Rector's Evaluation
There is a form put out by the dioceses for annual review of the rector. Bob would like to propose beginning this as a regular practice at Ascension. This would be completed by the Vestry once a year. Bob will monitor for a good time based on agenda length at the next few vestry meetings.

Glenn reviewed the Treasurer's Report. The finance committee would like to propose that out of the income from St. Philip Mission Church (\$2000/mo) we should work to pay down the line of credit. Glenn suggests we commit to a set amount to pay every month. The vestry



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unanimously decided to use some of the money to pay down the credit. After some discussion, it was decided that it would be best to use \$1000 of the monthly payment to commit to paying down the line of credit. Glenn revisited to topic of a church credit card. After investigation, it was decided that the debit card was too cumbersome a process and would involve too many changes. Therefore, a credit card was the right way to go. Bob (Rector – discretionary fund), Samantha (School Secretary) and Lee (Junior Warden) would be the right people to hold these cards. Glenn will move forward with getting the cards. The finance committee has also been working on thinking through the proposal for the future rector's proposed salary. Glenn is going to be working with the dioceses to determine the affordability for the new rector. Glenn hopes to have more information to provide the vestry at the next meeting.

Tom made a motion to accept the posted committee reports. Edwin seconded the motion. All members voted aye.

Tom offered a Report of Search Committee – committee has been working on developing interview questions. Bob is going to be a guinea pig for trying out the questions. They will have two more Sunday sessions to refine the questions and then they will be ready to roll. Francene indicates that there are candidates ready.

Bob reported on Ascension Episcopal School – there is concern at the low number of commitments they have had from families for next year. Mike, Nancy and the board are working on how to address that concern. Bob wanted to be sure the vestry understood that at this time there would not be any additional resources coming from the school, more than what is given at this time.

St. Philip the Evangelist Mission (Flick, Sutton)

They had intended to begin meeting here at the first of May. But due to a variety of circumstances, they have delayed their move to the end of May.

Tom reviewed the issue of committees. Tom explained that these are the committees of the church, and the vestry oversees the committees.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46pm.