



Ascension Episcopal Church

Meeting of the Vestry

21 August 2018; 7:00 P.M.; Parish Library

Meeting Minutes

The August meeting of the vestry was called to order at 7pm. Father Bob Flick verified a quorum and led an opening prayer. Father Bob made a motion to approve the May minutes. Glenn Criswell seconded the motion. All approved.

Father Bob gave his Interim Rector report which included a school update:
AES is in session.

Current school enrollment – 80. ELP (Early Learning Program) – 68

Full faculty in place. Pam S. is working contract work now. School board meets regularly – Mike Black is the president and runs the meetings. Nancy, Mike and Bob meet regularly. The health of the school in Bob's opinion is suffering. The elementary program especially is struggling. Bob will continue to serve Eucharist at chapel. Liz Goodman asked about next steps? What should be the church's response? Bob's suggestion – do a church budget as soon as possible for next year and get very real about what the church will be expecting of the school. Schedule out the budget for the school separate from the church budget. Can we even afford to continue to maintain the relationship?

The finance committee needs to work on getting the budget immediately in order to inform the school in advance of decisions being made for the 2019-20 school year.

Father Bob called for a Review and Acceptance of Posted Committee Reports

a. Property (Nirider)

No report was posted, but Tom mentioned that the property committee would like to propose 2 weekend dates for landscaping service days. The AC in the parish hall is working well. The sanctuary dial has been adjusted to allow for a longer than 6 hour stretch in the sanctuary.

b. Outreach and Mission (Feagin)

Michele passed out the prayers for the Mission of Yahweh community. MoY was so appreciative of the Walmart gift cards. AEC connection with Open Table has come to an end. It was a great learning experience. The outreach committee has decided to not pursue another relationship at this time.

c. Parish Life (Goulet)

Carol does incredible work! Thank her for her service when you have the opportunity!

d. Stewardship (Goodman)

- No meeting
- e. Newcomers (Griesbaum)
- f. Christian Formation (Flick)
Written report given
- g. Worship (Flick)
No meeting this month
- h. Finance (Sutton, D)
To be covered with Treasures report
- i. IT/PR (Searle)

Glenn Criswell gave the Treasurer's Report

Church audit was the main conversation of the finance committee. There will be a 2 year audit – Sept 15th. They need 4-5 people to participate. Finance committee will pay down some of the debt on the line of credit but will wait until closer to the end of the year to determine how much.

Tom Sutton gave a Senior Warden's report:

The search committee has been dealt some setbacks because of summer vacation. Search committee seems to be back on track and will continue interviews. More candidates have been presented.

Tom Sutton also asked the vestry to review Father Bob's Letter of Agreement. Bob will be here until the end of November, but no longer. He has a previous commitment for December. Adjustments were made to the COMPENSATION section. This was adjusted based on National Church Retirement Fund guidelines. It is ½ of the mean salary for all clergy. Liz Goodman made a motion to accept the Letter of Agreement. Michelle Feagin seconded. All agreed.

Tom also reported on the Stewardship Campaign

Stewardship will be handled differently this year. We will have two evenings where we will provide dinner and talk about the budget and have conversations around how the church spends money.

Tom shared a list of committees, and the vestry members assigned to each. These vestry members will be the point person to assist the ministries.

Bob reminded the vestry there was still food! Take what you want. 😊 A motion was made by Tom Sutton to adjourn. Fay Armstrong gave the second. Meeting adjourned 8:16pm.