

Ascension Episcopal Church  
Vestry Meeting Minutes  
February 20, 2018

The February meeting of the vestry was called to order at 7:13pm. All members present except Edwin Murvee. January vestry minutes were not ready, so they will be reviewed and approved at next month's meeting.

Senior warden, Tom Sutton, welcomed new vestry members. Vestry Resource guide was shared with all new members. Keys will be provided soon and Tom will ensure access to the G Drive.

Vestry members were invited to review the posted committee reports on the G drive. Margo Kaplan moved to accept the reports as posted. Tom Sutton seconded the motion. 100% approval by all members.

Father Bob offered the Interim Rector's Report which reviewed pastoral, administrative, educational, personal and other activities he has been involved with during lent. He added to the pastoral activities the naming ceremony for the Falayi baby. Bob mentioned he will be on retreat March 12-17 and out of pocket.

Treasurer Glenn Criswell presented highlights from the Treasurer's report for the month. The line of credit was renewed, explanation of the P&L and montly cash flow, review of restricted funds.

Father Bob shared the Annual Parochial Report – the report to the National Church containing data about Ascension.

Tom Sutton reported that the search committee would have their first meeting/training Sunday Feb 25<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.

Father Bob reported that he and Mike Black had met with the AES staff over some problems that had been reported. They are handling it, and Bob asked that the vestry not engage in conversations around these problems but instead direct school staff to Mike and Bob.

Father Bob suggested the vestry consider a church credit card to allow for small purchases to be made without having staff or vestry having to pay and be reimbursed. Tom Sutton made a motion to approve the parish credit card. Michelle Feagin seconded the motion. 100% in favor. Margo and Glenn will investigate and report back some options.

Father Bob explained that Ascension has been approached by the diocese about offering a space to a Sudanese missional church that is part of the Diocese of Texas. They would pay \$2000/month and use the church buildings after 2pm on Sundays. The classroom at the top of the stairs by the kitchen would serve as the vicar's office. Membership for the church is approx. 40 people at this time. A contract was passed around for all to review. There was discussion around the possible concerns with property usage and wear and tear, but it was balanced by conversation about this being in the spirit of our mission and vision. The majority of vestry felt that the possible negatives are outweighed by the positives. Margo Kaplan made a motion to extend the contract to the missional church. Glenn Criswell seconded the motion. 10 vestry members voted in the affirmative. 1 member voted no. The motion passed.

The Episcopal Health Foundation will be using the church March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> for a weekend event. They will use the sanctuary and education building. Approximately 150 participants. After a short discussion the vestry decided to ask for \$1000/day fee. In addition, the health foundation will pay Ascension staff to work the event.

Tom Sutton and Father Bob asked for a date to commission the incoming vestry. March 4<sup>th</sup> was determined to be that date – 10am service. A discussion also took place around a possible date for a vestry retreat. March 24<sup>th</sup> from 9-1pm was decided on.

Tom Sutton suggested that there is a need to streamline the committees and the role of the vestry on the committees. It was decided to hash it out at the vestry retreat.

Father Bob moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:47pm.