

**VESTRY MEETING MINUTES  
ASCENSION EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

January 19, 2016

**Present:** Mike Black, Jeri Platt, Carol Goulet, John Searle, Thom Fenner, John Edel, Cheryl Coppock, Matt Murphy, Rev. Todd Bryant, Cindy Breton, Laura Konitzer

**Absent:** Clement Falayi

**Opening Prayer/Call To Order:** Mike Black called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Fr Todd opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Consent Agenda:** John Searle asked that the IT Report be added to the Consent Agenda. **Motion #1: Carol Goulet made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda with the addition of the IT Report. Cindy Breton seconded the motion, there was no further discussion and the motion carried.**

**Property:** John Searle reported there were no additions to the Jr. Warden Report.

**Old Business: Amendment of the By-Laws** – John Searle read the proposed amendment to the By-Laws, previously approved by the Vestry that will allow eVotes. This will be presented to and voted on by affirmation to the congregation at the annual meeting this coming Sunday

**Vestry Duties** – Jeri Platt reported on the additions to the current VOW duties list. With relocation of Church offices and changes in technology there will need to be further revisions.

**New Business: New Vestry Members & Proposed Slate** – James Berrie resigned at the end of December. Diego Parra has agreed to finish the remaining year of his term. Laura Konitzer has agreed to finish the remaining year of Michael Fox's term who resigned at the end of October. Proposed slate of new Vestry members for 2016 are Tom Sutton, Doug Meyers, Faye Armstrong, and Miranda Griesbaum.

**Sabbatical line item** - Fr. Todd asked that a line item be added to the 2016 budget for Sabbatical donations. Discussion followed regarding Sabbaticals. Mike Black will contact the Diocese to arrange for a meeting with the Vestry regarding what a Sabbatical is, why it is needed and how the Vestry can best support the Pastor.

**2016 Budget** – Matt Murphy reviewed the 2016 Budget. He mentioned that a line item for Sabbatical donations has been added to the budget. Visiting clergy has also been

budgeted for in the 2016 budget. **Motion #2: John Edel made a motion to accept the 2016 budget. John Searle seconded the motion. Discussion followed and the motion carried.**

**Music Ministry** - Fr. Todd reported we are still looking for someone to work with the Children's Choir. He has spoken to Cary Durham, Drama instructor at AES, regarding her ability and interest in working with the children on plays for special events during the year such as "The Prodigal Son" during Lent. This would offer experiences for our children and opportunities for parental support.

**WHAM & Lenten Readings**— John Edel reported WHAM will hold a "Shred Day" on Jan 30, 2016 at their facility. They will shred documents and personal information. He also reported we will once again be reading the bible during Lent from Ash Wednesday through Good Friday. Sign up sheets will be available.

**Possible changes for summer/fall 2016** – This topic was tabled until next meeting as Fr. Todd had to leave early due to illness.

**Adjourn: Motion #3: John Edel made a motion to adjourn, Carol Goulet seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion carried.** Mike Black adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

**Closing Prayer:** The Vestry joined together in recitation of The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeri Platt  
Clerk