

ASCENSION EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Vestry Meeting
November 17, 2015

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

Absent: Matt Murphy

Guest: Laura Konitzer

Opening Prayer/Call to Order: Mike Black called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and welcomed Laura Konitzer. Fr. Todd opened the meeting with a prayer.

Consent Agenda: Mike Black asked that the Financial Report be removed from the consent agenda and it will be emailed to all shortly. **Motion #1: John Searle made a motion to accept the consent agenda, John Edel seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion carried.**

Property: PaveCon – John Searle reported we are currently waiting on an agreement to fix the drain in the west parking lot. Dana Murphy drafted a cover letter to PaveCon reiterating that they would be held responsible for any damage they may have caused with the drain pipe during the resurfacing process as stated in the original contract. Upon receipt the PaveCon representative stated he could not sign the form. Mike Black will discuss with our counsel, Dana Murphy, on how to proceed at this point. No vestry action is required at this time as approval was given last month for the repairs.

North Parking Lot – Cheryl Coppock reported today, during the rain storm, she noticed there is a drainage problem with the north parking lot as a “river” runs from the parish hall through the covered drop-off area towards the church. John Searle and Mike Black will investigate this issue.

Old Business: Summer 2016 Schedule – Fr Todd asked that this issue be tabled until a later date when he has plans for his Sabbatical and supply clergy more solidified.

New Business:

Assistance Fund – Fr. Todd asked for a motion to give emergency assistance to an AES and AEC family due to financial hard times related to medical issues. **Motion #2: John Edel made a motion to give \$2000 to the family for emergency assistance, Cindy Breton seconded the motion. Discussion followed and the motion carried.**

Music Ministry – Fr. Todd reported Dr Nancy Ginsburg will be leaving AEC at the end of December as she has taken a position at a church in Brenham. He has spoken with Suzanne, the current organist, to see if she would be interested in the position. The Music Committee consisting of John Searle, Carol Goulet, and Matt Murphy will speak with Suzanne. Cheryl Coppock will also join the Music Committee.

Funerals – Mike Black reported he has been made aware there are members of the congregation who have missed information regarding funerals of members of the congregation or their family as they do not have internet access. He will get with Samantha and obtain a Membership list from her that will be divided among the Vestry members. The goal is to contact those on the list to check in with them and if they do not have internet access to note that so they can be called with important information.

Vestry Duties – Mike Black reported that an item needs to be added to the VOW duties to check the playground gates before leaving. It appears some gates were left open this past Sunday. Other suggestions were given as well. Jeri Platt will gather suggestions from Vestry members as to items that need to be added to the VOW Duties and report back to Fr. Todd.

Adjourn: Motion #3: John Edel made a motion to adjourn at 7:36 p.m., seconded by Cheryl Coppock. There was no discussion and the motion carried.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Todd invited us to the Sanctuary to share communion with him in lieu of a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeri Platt
Clerk

Note: The signed “Agreement on Shared Expenses” between AEC and AES were added to the minutes following the conclusion of the Vestry meeting.