

ASCENSION EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Vestry Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2016

Present: Mike Black, Cheryl Coppock, Clement Falayi, Carol Goulet, Miranda Griesbaum, Matt Murphy, Lee Nirider, Tom Sutton, Rev. Todd Bryant

Absent: Jim Anderson, Cindy Breton, Jeri Platt, Doug Meyers

Guest: None

Call to Order/Opening Prayer: Mike Black called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Fr. Todd Bryant asked for prayer requests and opened the meeting with a prayer.

New Business: Miranda Griesbaum presented the Jr. Warden's report and submitted the document "*Construction Report 10/18/16*" which explains the recent repairs to the 300 Building air conditioning system and summarized the chill water line replacement. The chill water lines were replaced October 8th and 9th, 2016, as planned and the system performed well for about a week. Failure of an unrelated component resulted in loss of air conditioning to the entire PLB. Replacement of this component is ongoing.

Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda included the minutes from the September meeting, the September Financials and the Jr. Warden Report. **Motion #1:** **Matt Murphy made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda with the removal of the Financials. Dick Stabell seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion carried.**

Finance Committee – Matt Murphy reported on the church financials. He reported that at this time we have not had to use our line of credit with Amegy Bank to fund the major repairs ongoing with the HVAC system. He cautioned, however, that additional unbudgeted expenses may necessitate taking a draw against the revolving line of credit. **Motion #2:** **Dick Stabell made a motion to approve the Financial Statement as presented, Clement Falayi seconded the motion. No further discussion was necessary and the motion carried.**

New Business Cont'd:

Jr. Warden Election – The need to fill the Jr. Warden position vacated by Miranda Griesbaum was discussed. **Motion #3:** **Dick Stabell made a motion to nominate Jim Anderson, pending his acceptance. Carol Goulet seconded the motion. A limited amount of additional discussion followed and the motion carried.**

Old Business:

Children's Bibles – Mike Black reported a very positive response to the newly purchased Children's Bibles recently placed in the pews.

Sudanese Church – Mike Black reported on his recent meeting with Pastor David of the Sudanese Church. They agreed to extend the date of the last meeting of the Sudanese Church on Ascension property to the end of October, 2016.

Visioning Event Coordination – Fr. Todd handed out copies of the Parish Directory and guided discussion and selection of parishioners to be contacted to ask if they would be willing to participate in the kick-off event on November 12th. Each Vestry member present agreed to contact a portion of the selected parishioners.

Adjourn: Motion #3: Dick Stabell made a motion to adjourn, Clement Falayi seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Todd offered a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Nirider, on behalf of:
Jeri Platt, Clerk