

**Ascension Episcopal Church**  
Meeting of the Vestry  
16 October 2018  
Minutes

The October meeting of the vestry was called to order at 7:03pm. Members present included Doug Meyers, Glenn Criswell, Gemma Williams, Lee Nirider, Faye Armstrong, Sharon Black, Liz Goodman, Edwin Murvee, Olive Gomez, Tom Sutton and Father Bob Flick. Mike Black was a visitor at the meeting. Michelle Feagan and Margo Kaplan were absent. Father Bob verified a quorum was present. Father Bob offered an opening prayer.

Liz Goodman reviewed the minutes from the September meeting. Father Bob called for a motion to approve the September meeting minutes. Tom Sutton so moved. Faye Armstrong seconded the motion. All approved.

Father Bob provided an Interim Rector's Report. Blessing of the Animals took place at Ace Hardware. There was a good crowd and many complimented the event. Youth Sunday including Eucharist was a success. There was a similar program for the children at the school as well. Various other regular meetings took place as well as adult formation classes. Baptisms will happen in two weeks, All Saints celebration and Veteran's Day program will also take place. Father Bob will host a staff luncheon before he leaves.

Lee Nirider reported that the property committee met before this meeting. The Day of Service was a success and many visible improvements were made around the campus. Small leaks are being dealt with in the school building. Lee will post a formal report.

Tom Sutton gave an update on the Stewardship Campaign. The committee has been disbanded, but Glenn is helping to create documents for the financial side of it. Tom asked for volunteers to speak in church. The youth would like to take one of the Sundays and speak about what stewardship means to them. Tom is working on the letter that will go out and will send to vestry before it is send out.

Gemma Williams gave a report from the Outreach Committee. There was a great turn out at Mission of Yahweh the last two weeks. Gemma said that they are working with Panera Bread to try to get donations of bread for MoY.

Glenn Criswell gave the Treasurer's Report. Glenn shared the audit reports from the last two years' worth of financials. The reports note no discrepancies. Once approved Glenn will submit to the vestry. Glenn made a motion to accept the 2016 audit. Tom Sutton seconded. All approved. Liz Goodman made a motion to approve the 2017 audit. Gemma Williams seconded. All approved. Glenn shared that the organ repairs capital campaign proved quite successful. It made approximately \$1500 more than needed. The vestry was asked to consider where that money might be used. Three options were offered: major maintenance, choir fund or general profit. The balance in the choir fund currently sits at \$3000+. Major maintenance is sitting at \$0. Tom Sutton suggested that the money be split in half. Glenn Criswell made a motion to commit 50% of the extra to the music fund and 50% to the major maintenance. Sharon Black seconded. Faye asked about giving money to pay down the debt and the group was reminded that the money from St. Phillip will be used to pay down the debt. The vote proceeded and all approved. Father Bob asked if there was a budget ready for the New Year. Glenn said that is on the agenda for the finance committee in the future. Glenn said they are also working on collecting information for the stewardship documents.

Father Bob asked for a motion to accept the reports as presented. Tom Sutton so moved and Doug Meyers seconded the motion. All approved.

As a follow up to questions asked at the September vestry meeting, Father Bob and Mike Black shared information about the AES School Board. Bob explained that Board Membership is a Diocesan policy that at least 60% must be Episcopalian. The current board has that. If there is an executive board, 60% would be from the sponsoring church. There are 12 members on the board.

Mike Black gave an executive member presentation about the Search Committee.

Future meeting dates were discussed. Father Bob suggested we meet the last week of November and have it count for both November and December. November 27<sup>th</sup> is the new proposed date at 7pm.

Liz Goodman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.