

**VESTRY AGENDA**  
**ASCENSION EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
September 15, 2015

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

Absent: John Edel

- I. Opening Prayer/Call to Order : Mike Black called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m. Fr. Todd offered a prayer including prayers of thanksgiving, blessings and needs of the Vestry.
- II. Consent Agenda – **Motion #1**: John Searle made a motion to accept the consent agenda, Michael Fox seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion carried.
  - a. Minutes of June 2015 meeting
  - b. Addendum to June 2015 meeting minutes
  - c. Minutes of Aug 2015 Ad Hoc Committee meeting
  - d. IT Report
  - e. Jr. Warden Report
  - f. Financials for June, July and Aug
  - g. Rector's Report

III. Finance

- a. Finance Committee Report – Matt Murphy reported the Finance Committee met on September 15, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. The audit of the 2014 Financials will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2015 with members of the Vestry and Congregation as Audit Committee members. The Finance Committee will begin working on the 2016 Budget with input from the Rector and Ministry leaders.

IV. Property

- a. AES HVAC update – Mike Black reported that we are still looking for two more competitive quotes as well as finding out what the cooling capacity is of the administration building.
- b. Parking lot update – John Searle reported that we are awaiting a plumber evaluation of the Seagler parking lot drain system. The church lot will be resurfaced next week.

V. Old Business – Matt Murphy reported that the August financials do not reflect payment for the parking lot

VI. New Business –

- a. Deacon Mary – Fr. Todd reported on the function and role of a Deacon. She is an agent of Bishop Doyle and he decides where she will go. She is a permanent Deacon, unpaid, and receives a very small stipend from the church. Fr. Todd plans for Deacon Mary to preach about once a month. She will also teach adult Sunday School for two weeks to introduce herself and her duties to the congregation.
- b. First Fruits – The First Fruits service will be held October 25. This year we will be incorporating the Sudanese church into our service. The Sudanese priest will preach in Arabic with an English translator as well as the Sudanese band who will participate with the Choir.
- c. AES School Board Trustee sign-up – Mike Black sent around a list of dates for the AES School Board meeting and asked that Vestry sign up to cover one of the meetings. As Sr. Warden Mike will be at every meeting along with another Vestry member. The meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 7 p.m. All slots were taken except for April and May 2016 which will be offered to the new Vestry members in the spring.
- d. AES – Mike Black reported things are going well with the school. Nancy Clausey is working towards a balanced budget and attendance is up this year.
- e. Michael Fox was thanked for his service to the Vestry and for his family's service as he will be stepping down from Vestry effective Oct 19.

- VII. Adjourn – **Motion #2:** Michael Fox made a motion to adjourn at 7:52, Carol Goulet seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion carried.
- VIII. Closing Prayer – Fr. Todd offered a closing prayer followed by the recitation of The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeri Platt  
Clerk