

ASCENSION EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Vestry Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2016

Present: Mike Black, Cindy Breton, Cheryl Coppock, Clement Falayi, Carol Goulet, Miranda Griesbaum, Doug Meyers, Matt Murphy, Lee Nirider, Tom Sutton, Rev. Todd Bryant, Jeri Platt

Absent: Jim Anderson, Dick Stabell

Guest: Reb Scarborough

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

New Business:

Scarborough Consulting – Reb Scarborough, Scarborough Consulting Services, made a presentation to the Vestry regarding his work with congregations on Strategic Planning and Congregation Development. The presentation lasted about an hour with a question and answer session. **Motion #1:** Tom Sutton made a motion to discuss the proposal as presented, Matt Murphy seconded the motion and much discussion followed. During the discussion Lee Nirider asked for a straw vote of those in favor of moving forward with the strategic planning and the vote was unanimous. **Motion #2:** After further discussion Matt Murphy amended the previous motion to now accept the proposed engagement letter in the amount of \$5750 from Scarborough Consulting Services. Miranda Griesbaum seconded the motion, there was no further discussion and the motion carried.

Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda included the minutes from the September meeting, the September Financials and the Jr. Warden Report. **Motion #3:** Cindy Breton made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda with the removal of the Financials. Miranda Griesbaum 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 tap into our line of credit to fund the major repairs ongoing with the HVAC and plumbing issues and the church finances are in good condition. **Motion #4:** Tom Sutton made a motion to approve the Financial Statement as presented, Cindy Breton seconded the motion. No further discussion was necessary and the motion carried.

New Business Cont'd:

DRE/Newcomer Minister – Fr. Todd and excused Miranda Griesbaum prior to discussing this issue. He and Mike Black presented Miranda's name for consideration for this position. **Motion #5:** Tom Sutton made a motion to extend a job offer for the position of Director of Religious Education and Newcomer Minister to Miranda Griesbaum with salary per Finance Committee recommendation, Clement Falayi seconded the motion. Discussion followed and the motion carried.

Children's Bibles – Carol Goulet suggested purchasing Children's Bibles to be placed in the pews or in the "Servant Sacks" for the children to be used during the service. She suggested there be two types of Children's Bibles, one for younger children and one for older elementary children.

Motion #6: Matt Murphy made a motion to authorize the purchase of Children's Bibles up to \$500, Tom Sutton seconded the motion, there was no further discussion and the motion carried.

Power-washing Sidewalks – Carol Goulet pointed out the sidewalks are in dire need of pressure washing. Mike Black agree and recommended the task for a church work day.

Sudanese Church – Fr. Todd and Mike Black reported meeting with Pastor David of the Sudanese Church today. They came to an understanding the church will need to find a new home by the middle of October. This has been a good relationship but for the growth of the Sudanese Church it is felt they need to find a new home.

Adjourn: Motion #7: Matt Murphy made a motion to adjourn, Tom Sutton seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Todd offered a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeri Platt, Clerk