



Ascension Episcopal Church

Meeting of the Vestry

18 September 2018; 7:00 P.M.; Parish Library

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm. Members present include Doug Meyers, Michelle Feagan, Glenn Criswell, Gemma Williams, Lee Nirider, Faye Armstrong, Sharon Black, Margo Kaplan, Liz Goodman, Olive Gomez, Tom Sutton and Father Bob Flick. Edwin Murvee was absent. Father Bob offered an opening prayer. There was a review and approval of the minutes of last month's meeting.

Father Bob reviewed his Interim Rector's Report, highlighting activities from the last month. Glenn Criswell reported that the finance committee did not formally meet. However there was completion of the church audit (2016 and 2017). Two years were covered because of Hurricane Harvey. Sept 15, 2018 the audit took place. Gemma Williams, Amy Criswell, Tom Fenner, Faye Armstrong, Dana Sutton and Glenn Criswell all helped with the audit. A report or statement will be developed to present to the vestry and the congregation for the stewardship dinners. Bob called for a motion to accept the posted reports. Tom Sutton made a motion. Sharon Black seconded the motion. All approved.

Father Bob shared that Bishop Doyle will come for a joint visit on Sept 29th with Ascension and St. Philips. More details of the visit will be forthcoming.

Tom Sutton gave a Senior Warden's report. He reported that the AES board needs one more member. Tom asked the vestry to consider adding Kathleen Hannah to the board. Bob said there are only two church members on the board. Liz Goodman asked if there is a connection between the small representation to the board and the seeming disconnect between church and school. Bob suggested we add this topic to next month's vestry agenda to look at the bylaws and further discuss the questions about church member representation. Tom made a motion to add Kathleen Harris to the board. Glenn seconded the motion. All approved. Tom will inform Mike Black of the addition. Stewardship is about the kick off. There will be a Wednesday night dinner and Sunday after church lunch to present a short overview of the financials. Ministries will also be presented with an invitation to participate. No slick, glossy materials will be given, but a letter and card will be sent out to the entire congregation as well. All are invited to consider giving a testimonial for the 4 weeks preceding the In-Gathering. Oct. 24th at 7pm and 28th at noon will be the dates for the meals. Tom welcomes help on the letter to be written. Tentative In-Gathering on November 18th.

Bob is working on getting coverage for December in the event that a priest hasn't been called by then and Bob's tenure is up. The worship committee will map out the worship plans through the end of the year and then Bob will make some calls for a possible long-term sub. Tom said the vestry will work with the search committee to understand the pacing to know how best to continue and plan.

Bob mentioned that both the senior and junior warden will be rolling off the vestry, along with two other members. We need to be thoughtfully praying about who will take those positions. Those members rolling off will vet and nominate the new members.

Blessing of the Animals – Oct. 7th
Campus Work Day – proposed for Oct 13th
Next Vestry meeting Oct 16th

Tom Sutton made a motion to adjourn.
The meeting was adjourned at 8pm.