

**Vestry Meeting
September 24, 2023**

Mission Statement

The Episcopal Church of the Ascension's mission is:
"To restore all people to unity with God and each other."

We strive to be a radically inclusive community with diverse and vibrant worship, intentionally focused on children and youth, caring for each other, and on being the hands and feet of Christ in all that we do.

Present: Joan, Marsha, Ashley, Andrew, Aaron, Todd, Katie, Steve, Harry, Ernie, Mark

Absent: Tom

Devotional: Steve

Ordinary Business

- a) Approval of the Vestry Meeting Minutes - Motion to approve made by Katie, second by Aaron, motion passed.
- b) Financial Reports - we are just waiting for the shoe to drop about the surge. Otherwise everything looks good. Motion to approve made by Marsha, second by Ashley, motion passed.
- c) New and Continuing Business
 - a) Consideration of the AED (automated external defibrillator) Contract - there's an upfront cost as well as ongoing cost regarding our AED situation. We need to have a service plan for the one in the parish hall, which is \$33/month. We also need to purchase one for the youth and outreach center. We can purchase a new one for \$3K, or rent one for approx. \$100/mo. The best option appears to be \$13/mo, which includes rent for a new one and service for both. The new one will be a

better one than we currently have. We should put the new one in the Parish Hall and the old one in the Upper Building. Do we want both locations? Yes. The state now requires that the devices must be inspected monthly. Motion to add a second unit and appropriate device contract made by Marsha, second by Joan. Motion approved.

- b) Budget prep for the fall season is underway. Please get your budgets ready to supply to finance so they can update the 2024 budget. Also, we need to have the results of the Audit committee taken care of soon. Aaron and Jonathon will put together everything that needs to be done to present to Gigi so it can be done by the middle of October.
- c) Discussion of electrical issues on September 20-21. There was a storm Tuesday night, mostly wind and lightning, and we lost partial power to the main building. It wasn't a power surge, but some kind of brown out. It's disappointing that we had all the surge protectors, and they didn't protect us from this kind of event. There are 20 or 21 lights which still aren't working, the AC is not working in Paula Tucker Chapel, and the two preK rooms don't have full AC, probably caused by a control unit that burned out. Oncor came and replaced the big unit they have on the property which supplies our electricity to the main building. CRT also came and did some repairs, but we don't know exactly what. Todd is waiting to get with John and CRT to see what actually happened. Maybe we should have an engineer come in to give us an audit of the entire electrical and HVAC system. Should we file a claim against our insurance? We need to document a claim before we take any actions. We need to know the total loss, our deductible, what we must repair, and what is the long term solution, possible AC replacement. Can we make a claim against the surge protector replacement? Until we know what happened, we will have to wait to make these decisions.
- d) Sabbatical Update. No updates.

Junior Warden report - One of the ADS dads works with a door company. The main door near ADS doesn't close properly. He is coming tomorrow to see if there are any repairs to be made. The left hand door of the youth house doesn't lock either. The one in the courtyard doesn't always lock automatically. Godly Play things are being moved, candles being burned, ADS has noticed that things are being moved. It's possible we need to have a key audit, and/or consider a new type of key system.

Senior Warden report - Andrew, Ashley and Harry need to figure out who will be filling their vestry seats for 2024.

People to thank - John Johnson for working on electrical issues, Nancy Johnson for Attitudes and Attire setup, Rev. Laura for her preaching, Todd and Winifred for watering the trees, and Todd for working on cameras and all he does.

Calendar of upcoming events - Oct 7 is Iron Chef. Oct 8 is Bishop Sumner's visit. Oct 21 Parish work day, 8-1pm.

Fr. Ernie report - closing prayer

Next months devotional - Katie

Prayer requests: Mike, Pete, Jimmy, Adrian, John, Perry, Fr. Paul and family, school counselors, Robin's father

Thanksgiving for the Johnsons