

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY OF
EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
Regular Business Meeting
,July 31, 2022

Present: Julie Baker, Andrew Bolt, Harry Breda, Tom Dwyer, Jonathan March, Ashley Rector, Joan Romanosky, Laura Warner Gilmer, Rev. Paul Klitzke, and Katie Dickinson

Absent: Marsha Gadsden

Father Paul called the meeting of the Vestry to order at 1:55 p.m.

Laura Warner Gilmer gave the Devotional on Joseph of Arimathea discussing the example he is to others through his devotion, love of people, and actions.

Father Paul then asked for prayer requests. Prayers were asked for Marsha and Curt Gadsden; Catherine Pryor Miller; Janet Calhoun; Dean, Julie's next-door neighbor; Audrey Breda for the birth of a healthy child; and Thanksgivings for things that are upcoming.

Following Centering Time, the group next read the Mission Statement.

Ordinary Business

Harry moved and Joan seconded that the minutes of the June meeting be approved as written. Motion passed.

Jonathan gave the Financial Report. Following a discussion of the maintenance portion of the budget, it was suggested by Laura that a maintenance reserve be set up for repairs over a certain amount. Ashley moved and Laura seconded a motion to approve the Financial Report.

Jonathan reported that the Audit Committee member recommendation is Stacy Lynn, Janey Burress, and Ron Chalk. Ashley moved and Andrew seconded a motion to approve this slate. Motion passed.

New and Continuing Business

Tile Project-Father Paul reported that the staff is reviewing pictures of the sanctuary to ensure pews were replaced in their original positions.

Staffing Update-Father Paul informed the Vestry that Catherine Pryor Miller is back but is not at 100% yet. Suzanne Sweazy and Mary Lou Howell have stepped up during this time. Laura moved and Joan seconded that Suzanne be offered a \$1,000 show of appreciation for the extra work she has undertaken during this time. Motion passed.

Three applicants are currently being considered for the Christian Formation position. Interviews will be held this week.

Safety Task Force-Father Paul informed the Vestry that the Safety Task Force chaired by Marsha Gadsden and comprised of Curt Gadsden, Bill Dunham, Nancy Marmion and Gene Putnam has scheduled an onsite assessment this week with the Dallas Police Department. At this time, the DPD will be asked to make recommendations on security camera positioning on the campus.

Shelly Herron will provide legal guidance to the committee.

Father Paul will ask Suzanne Sweazy to look at different security systems to see what current costs will be.

Junior Warden Report-Andrew Bolt reported that the Cross at the front of the property needs to be addressed when we address the foundation.

Senior Warden Report-Ashley Rector had no new business to report.

Rector's Report-Father Paul reported that one computer needs to be replaced. Andrew moved and Harry seconded a motion to spend \$2,000 on the computer. Motion passed.

Father Paul informed the Vestry that the Church portion of the replacement of florescent lights with LED lights will be \$3,300. Laura moved and Joan seconded a motion the Vestry approve the cost. Motion passed.

Father Paul mentioned that the Church is currently getting bids on the air conditioning in the Children's Chapel. Father Paul has received a request from an outside group for space to provide mental health care. He will get more information. He will be out much of the week of August 15 to take Noah to college but will not miss a Sunday.

People to Thank:

Mary Lou Howell

Todd and Winifred Rutenbar

Suzan Fenner

Jane Taber

Andrew Marshall

Laura Gilmer

Beth and John Dexter

Robert Orton

Doug Taber

Brian and Evan Kasper

Father Paul led the Vestry in a closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Katie Dickinson, Clerk of the Vestry