

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY OF
EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
Regular Business Meeting
June 6, 2022

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

Absent: Jonathan March

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Father Paul thanked the Vestry of being flexible. He suggested adding the Vision Statement to the Mission Statement.

Julie Baker led the Devotional reflecting on this group as Church leaders during this horrible sadness over the school shooting in Uvalde. She then reflected on Philippians 4:4: Rejoice in the Lord always. The group next gave their prayer requests and a prayer was offered.

Prayer Requests:

As a Vestry and Congregation, we pray for:

Our World

Victims of Violence

Covid

Curt-kidney stone

Rebecca Ellis' soul

Rita Sands-recovering well

Jenna, Martin, Gene and Katie-impending birth of a new baby

Father Paul-prayers to stay connected with his family and for clarity

Noah-time of transition

James and Audrey Breda-Henry's brother and sister-in-law as they await the birth of a new child following the loss of a child in 2021

Centering Time included the reading of the group of the Mission and Vision Statements.

Ordinary Business

Approval of May minutes

Following a correction in the minutes of May 1, 2022, Laura moved and Marsha seconded that the minutes be approved as amended. Motion passed.

Financial Report

Laura thanked Jonathan for being so clear in his work when he sends the Financial Reports. Joan moved and Julie seconded a motion that the Financial Report be approved as sent. Motion passed.

Tile Project

Father Paul next updated the Vestry on the tile project. Preparation will begin on June 20 with the removal of the sound system and the rewiring of the live stream. The organ will be covered and anything not essential for Sunday, July 26, 2022 service will be removed. The plan is to also remove the pews along the outside walls. The pews will be moved on Monday, June 27, 2022. On July 3, 10, and probably 17, services will take place in the Parish Hall. So far, \$45,000 has been received from the parishioners for the new tile. Tom Dwyer asked how we are setting up temporarily and what are the ushers to do? Father Paul said a short video on the website perhaps. Harry Breda asked what chairs we were going to use? Father Paul stated that we would use the pews if possible. Marsha Gadsden suggested putting something on the website to let people know this is only temporary. It was also suggested to put up "Pardon the dust" signs. Harry Breda will work with Catherine Pryor to prepare some time lapse for the website.

Staffin

Based on our current spending, we will be able to hire a fulltime Christian Formation Director effective September 1, 2022. We will also have some money for the P.A. system and musicians for a Contemporary Service. There has been some interest in the position, but there is currently no one to interview. Father Paul will not have to go back to the Vestry for permission to hire someone for the position as the staff serves at the pleasure of the Rector. The Vestry discussed where to post the job position. It was recommended that in addition to the Diocese List Serve to also post on Forma. Joan Romanosky will look into this. Father Paul will also send information to Bishop Kai.

Safety Protocols

Father Paul suggested the vestry look into things we can do to ensure safety on Sundays and suggested that a committee be formed to investigate what we currently have, what is needed, and report back to the Vestry. He asked Marsha Gadsden to chair a Safety Committee. Working with her husband Curt and any other parishioners appropriate, she will report back at the August meeting.

New Business

Marsha expressed a concern that there was confusion in the congregation during the Prayers of the People. Father Paul stated that there will be a training in September for Lay Minister.

Reports

Junior Warden

Andrew Bolt reported that the Church may need to buy a new lavalier microphone as one was not working properly on Sunday. Father Paul stated that there were extras in the sacristy.

Andrew stated that Father Paul covered the plans for installing the new tile. The last workday went very well with people touching up paint , ceiling tiles, and cleaning windows. On the next workday, gravel will be added to the playground.

The base of the Cross outdoors near the street needs to be repaired as it is rotting out.

Senior Warden

Ashley Rector thanked the group for their participation in the Retreat and Father Paul and the staff for taking on the tile project.

Laure Warner-Gilmer thanked the group for filling in on her as she works on her internship.

There being no further business the meeting was closed in prayer at 8:15. On July 7, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Dickinson
Clerk