MINUTES OF THE VESTRY OF

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Regular Business Meeting

February 17, 2024

Present: Steve Baker, Katie Dickinson, Tom Dwyer, Marsha Gadsen, Ginger Greenberg, Herb Kadane, Chris Reed, Joan Romanosky, Todd Rutenbar, and Rev. Paul Klitzke

Senior Warden Tom Dwyer called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Devotional and Prayer List

Father Paul gave the devotional on God the teacher of the teacher.

The prayer list included: Audry and John Lee, Nancy Marmion, Dr. Grinsfelder, Suzan Fenner, Navarro Family, Jimmy, Alexi and family, Dan Cotton, and Lillian.

Following Centering, the group read the Vision and Mission Statement.

Ordinary Business

Joan made a motion and Marsha seconded to approve the January minutes. Motion carried.

The Treasurer’s report will be approved at the March meeting. Reporting out will be held on February 24, 2024.

New and Continuing Business

Father Paul announced that Music and Liturgy, after looking at the bulletin, has revisited including the complete Sunday worship. This will only impact the budget by $400 a year and make it more welcoming for the congregation. The group discussed adding a QR code to the bulletin.

Other discussion centered on communication with the staff especially the Junior Warden. Herb Kadane will work with John Johnson on institutional knowledge of maintenance systems. Ginger will work with Tom on a Communication Plan to be used when talking with media. Marsha and Chris will look at on-line growth. Todd and Father Paul will work on getting more volunteers for the AV booth. Tom, Todd and Katie are working on a plan for the equipment of the Church. There is also a need to look at the glass doors of the Church and the keying of all doors. The Vestry will ask the Ascension Day School what their plans are for updating their space.

Father Paul informed the Vestry that Suzanne is still working on the Parochial Report. It is due March 1, 2024 and will be send for vote by email.

The group next went into an Executive Session to discuss check signers.

Reports

Senior Warden, Tom Dwyer, stated that he is excited for this year. His goal is to hold people accountable. For PPE, he would like to see a quarterly walkthrough of the whole Church with John Johnson and Father Paul and the committee.

Junior Warden, Todd Rutenbar, reported that his goal is for the Church to be an even better place for all. Work this past month included getting the lights in the sanctuary fixed. The ceiling over the sound booth needs to be repainted.

Rector Paul Klitzke reported his current number one priority is the completion of the Parochial report. We only had one death in all of 2023 and we have already had two in 2024. New nametags will be prepared for ushers, greeters, and Vestry. Father Paul will be conducting a Confirmation Class of youth and adults. Bishop Smith will be here in the fall to confirm the group. The Lent educational offering will be Atheism for Lent.

Thank you Notes

Joan Romanosky and Marsha Gadsden volunteered to serve a correspondence clerks. Thank you notes this month will be send to Nancy Johnson for the Shrove Tuesday event and to George Rutherford for his continuing work with the ushers.

Following a review of upcoming events, the meeting was concluded at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Dickinson

Acting Clerk