

Minutes of the Vestry of
Episcopal Church of the Ascension

May 25, 2023

Mission Statement: 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: Paul Klitzke, Marsha Gadsden, Harry Breda, Andrew Bolt, Katie Dickinson, Todd Rutenbar

Not Present: Ashley Rector, Tom Dwyer, Joan Romanosky, Steve Baker, Aaron Hussman

Devotional: Andrew

Father Paul called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm on Zoom, and opened with gratefulness, and a prayer.

Prayer requests include: Curt, Harry's in laws, John, Faye and Dale, Don, Sophie

Ordinary Business - none

New and continuing business:

Power surge - Paul: On approx. May 11, there was a power surge at church that damaged a fire panel; all the circuitry was fried and had to be replaced for \$4,862. There is also damage to an AC compressor and the CRT fee is \$1,886. There are still some lights and fixtures to be fixed or replaced, but we don't have a bid on those yet. We are also waiting on a bid to replace several surge protectors for around \$300 - \$400 each. We have 6 panels that need new surge protectors. Some internal surge protectors also need to be replaced. The dishwasher in the main kitchen was damaged and the repair is \$1,075. So far the damage is around \$8,000, and our deductible is \$10,000 so we will have to pay the full amount of repairs. There was a motion made to approve adding surge protectors if the cost is under \$5,000 made by Harry, seconded by Katie. Passed unanimously.

Security camera install - Todd: This work will be done in 2 major steps. Two cameras are working in the office and reception area. The app is functional. Anyone who needs it can download it and configure alerts. All of the cabling on the north part of the campus is in place. That area will be set up first. The work is projected to be completed by June 10th.

ADS Board - Paul: Did not meet in May but they are set to meet in June. Still working on accreditation. It requires some separation in Banking. We will need to set up a separate account. It will change how we take into account about \$105,000 in carried over funds for prepaid fees.

Concerns about Youth House upkeep - Paul: Eva is working on a plan to make sure that the space is tidy and maintained. Paul needs to review that before it comes before the Vestry. It

looks like we may need to spend about \$2,000. We also need a bid to replace the fencing/ edging along the walkway to the Food Pantry. And we need locked storage in the Youth space.

Lettering on the street side signage of the church - Paul: It was repaired last week. All lights do matter.

Big news - Paul: We have a potential associate rector that Paul has been in contact with. This person is working for a church remotely because of spouse's job in Dallas. Part of our challenge is finding someone who is a theological fit. This person has strength in formation and family ministry. This person also prefers part-time employment, which would work for our budget. And the candidate would not be available until after January 1st, 2024, which would give us time to work on our budget. More to come...

Reports:

Jr. Warden - Andrew Bolt: Nothing to add to security camera update.

Sr Warden - Harry Breda: Picnic went well. Planning for another event in June.

Rector report - Fr. Paul Kiltzke: See all updates above

Calendar of upcoming events: June 24 will be the ordination for Randy and Laura in Houston. Paul will be participating.

People to thank: hold until June

Next Month's devotional: Marsha

Closing Prayer