

Episcopal Church of the Ascension

Vestry Meeting

January 18, 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: Fr. Paul, Joan, Ashley, Tom, Andrew, Harry, Steve, Todd, Katie, Marsha

Absent: Aaron

Devotional: Fr. Paul

Prayer Requests: John, Nancy, Doug, Mike, Perry, Jerry, Mary Ann, Dan, Joan, Lisa, Fr. Dale

Ordinary Business:

- a) Approval of Vestry Meeting Minutes - Motion to approve made by Joan, second by Katie. Motion was approved.
- b) Financial Reports - Great end of year report. Motion to approve made by Tom, second by Todd. Motion was approved.

New and continuing business

1) Annual Meeting Prep

- Budget Review - there were discussions about the 2024 draft budget. Motion to approve the 2024 draft budget made by Katie, second by Harry. Motion was approved. Tom would like to put together a review of all the maintenance contracts and present a report to the new Vestry. Tom, Todd and Katie will do this.
- Vestry Candidates - Chris Reed, Ginger Greenberg, Herb Kadane

- Preparing the space - we will set up on Saturday afternoon after the Leadership Day
- ADS - we previously talked about establishing a bank account. ADS want to remove the registration fees from the 13% percentage of tuition that is paid to the church. The amount to transfer to the new bank account then becomes \$390,068. Motion to approve the negotiated amount of \$390,068 to be transferred to ADS on their request made by Tom, second by Harry. Motion approved. At the ADS board meeting, they announced they have money for scholarships. They are looking to diversify their population.
- Possibility of providing a warming shelter for the homeless - please share thoughts with Todd and Fr. Paul over the next week. The school complicates the prospect of actually providing shelter. How can we provide transportation or other services. We might distribute DART passes so people could make the choice about how to use it.

Reports:

- Junior Warden - Andrew; We have a lot of challenges ahead, which takes a lot of money. Might be a good opportunity at the Annual Meeting to talk about a capital campaign. We need to lay the groundwork for the future.
- Senior Warden - Harry; Will miss meetings! The Little Diversity Library foundations are fixed. He is working on his report for the Annual Meeting.
- Rector - Fr. Paul; Glad that the weather is just cold, but not snowy or icy. Mark's dad passed away. There will be a service for him in February in Prescott, AZ. Mark may be gone for two services during the Lenten season. Fr. Paul applied for Continuing Ed at Virginia Theological Seminary. He was accepted. This will probably be his continuing ed for the year.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Adult Progressive Dinner - Saturday, January 20th 6:00pm
- Laura Warner Gilmer Ordination - Saturday, January 20th 1:00pm, at St. Martin in the Fields in Keller Texas
- Parish Leadership Day - Saturday, January 27th 9:30 am - 2:30pm at St. Matthews
- Annual All-Parish Meeting - Sunday, January 29th at 9:15 am

People to Thank - The Youth for what they do with Blessing Bags and VBS hosting, etc, Nancy and John for bringing in all the plants

Next Month's Devotional - Audry

Closing Prayer