MINUTES OF THE VESTRY OF EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Regular Business Meeting

January 18, 2023

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

Father Paul called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and opened with a prayer. Prayer requests included Janey Burress and family, Richard Wheatley, Dan, Jim, Marsha's brother, Jeff Singer and family, Dallas Latin community, Andrea, Zac, Pastor at HPUMC, and Ben. Centering Time for the Vestry followed.

Ordinary Business

On motion made by Tom and seconded by Joan, minutes of the December 18, 2022, meeting were approved.

On motion made by Joan and seconded by Marsha, financial records were approved.

Ongoing Business

Annual-Meeting-Father Paul announced that finalists for Vestry for 2023 are being nailed down. Forms will be sent out to finalists on January 19, 2023. The Annual Meeting will be the day following a funeral so set up will be done at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 28, 2023. Chairs will be placed for Vestry along the wall under the television. Refreshments will be in the back. The tables set up will be used for seating and will hold approximately 80. Vestry is to be at the Church at 8:30 a.m.. A luncheon to honor volunteers will be held after the 10:30 service.

ADS grant and improvement plan-projects include a sidewalk to connect the small playground to the existing sidewalk. In addition, a partition will be added to Classroom 108.

New Business

Ashley and Katie reported on the sessions they attended at the Diocesan Leadership Meeting. Ashley attended sessions on nurturing a prayer group and small groups. Katie attended a session on planned giving and grants of the Dallas Episcopal Foundation.

Reports

Junior Warden-Andrew reported that the tree project is wrapped up, the programming issue on the HVAC has been fixed, and Todd is working on the security camera list.

Senior Warden-Ashley thanked Julie for taking the role of point person with the new 2023 Vestry members.

Rector's Report-Father Paul reported that people are watching the video that comes out each Wednesday. Good feedback has been received on nametags. Everyone will get one and they will be paid from Evangelism. There are currently two potential musicians for the contemporary service. A nursery worker has been hired and will start on the annual meeting.

People to thank included Todd's friend who helped with the trees.

Following a closing prayer by Father Paul, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Dickinson, Clerk of the Vestry