

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY OF
EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
Regular Business Meeting
October 30, 2022

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 of the Vestry to order at 1:25 p.m.

Tom Dwyer gave the devotional on the five major religions, Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Buddhist, and Hindu. He then read a prayer he had written based on all five.

Prayer requests included George Rutherford, all people who are mourning, Mike, Father Paul, Adrian, Dan, Jimmy, Jack and Karen, and Brian.

Following Centering Time, the group read the Mission.

Ordinary Business

Tom moved and Ashley seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the September meeting. Motion passed.

Jonathan reported on the Financials. The HVAC has cost more this year than anticipated. Harry moved and Joan accepted a motion to approve the financials. Motion passed.

New and Continuing Business

The Vestry next discussed the project updates.

The humidity in the Nave has been addressed by unplugging the pan that was collecting water.

Father Paul will ask John Johnson to do a full audit of the sprinklers to determine which need repairs.

Tom will start researching more arid tolerant plants and will check with Winston to see if he knows of a landscape architect who will volunteer some time to help make our landscape more drought tolerant.

A bid has been received for the security cameras. Tom still has some questions. Tom made a motion and Joan seconded it to approve up to \$15,000 for a non-monitored security system. Motion passed.

The Vestry next discussed whether an extra doorbell is needed.

A bid for parking lot repairs has been received and approved by Father Paul, Ashley, and Andrew. Some of the cost will be defrayed by ADS and Outbound.

Discussion then turned to Reaching Out to members. The Vestry will continue to do this.

Father Paul next discussed the Diocesan Convention that will be held the first weekend in November.

Reports

Junior Warden-Andrew stated that there is a very aggressive list for the Workday including cutting the bushes as recommended by the police to deter the homeless. In the 2023 Budget, Andrew would like to add additional lights for the front of the building.

Senior Warden-Ashley stated that the Vestry needs to think of some way to thank the parishioners.

Father Paul had nothing further to report other than the next few weeks will be very busy with activities including Trunk or Treat, the Diocesan Convention, and All Saints Sunday.

People to thank included Suzan Fenner and Nancy Johnson for the funeral receptions, George Rutherford for his work with the ushers, Jane Taber for the Welcome Desk, and Doug Taber for the Men's Retreat.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Dickinson, Clerk of the Vestry