

Episcopal Church of the Ascension

Vestry Meeting
September 29, 2024

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, Tom, Katie, Joan, Steve, Ginger, Aaron, Audry, Marsha, Herb

Absent: Todd

Devotional: Audry

Prayer requests: Marsha's brother George, Ginger's mom and dad, Herb's sister Janeen a prayer for thanksgiving, Herb's sister Cheryl hurricane damage, Hoover, Aaron's father Jerry

Ordinary Business

Approval of the Vestry Meeting Minutes - Motion to approve made by Joan, second made by Katie. Motion approved.

Financial Reports - Motion made to approve by Marsha, second made by Steve. Motion approved.

New and Continuing Business

a) Staffing update - Eva has moved. Her last day was September 15. She is still doing some remote work for us, part-time. They have not started interviews for her replacement, but have several good contacts.

b) Capital Items and possible campaign - We still need to get info about fobs for the doors. We will also get bids to recreate the kitchen entrance by removing the tree, and redoing the area. We may also add some irrigation and landscaping items. Other items are bathrooms, doors, kitchen entrance, erosion control, landscape irrigation. We also need to consider what the timeline will be. We will need to have a campaign schedule, and a team to run the campaign. Steve will help coordinate getting the team and schedule together. Katie and Tom and Paul can join him on a call this week. The total ballpark figure is \$425K, so far. Herb would like to review the bids, scope of work, and contracts.

c) Dinka agreement review - We need to add a list of additional fees, and decide on the term of the agreement, and/or annual percent increase. We need to add the diocesan policy for supervision of children. This gets reviewed by the bishop, because he is the rector of the mission.

d) Committee Chair recruitment - Still working on recruitment of Outbound and Formation leaders.

e) Audit Review - They will implement changes in the last quarter of this year regarding journal entries.

Reports

a) Junior Warden - Herb, nothing additional to report

b) Senior Warden - Tom, nothing additional to report

c) Rector - Fr. Paul has jury duty starting tomorrow. Fr. Paul will be out next week, but will be here for Sunday. He may send another @ascension about the Wednesday night politics meeting. He is finalizing a stewardship letter to the parish. Ingathering is November 3. They are working on children's chapel schedule. Fr. Paul will be starting confirmation classes soon.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

a) Blessing of the Pets -

b) Christian Responsibility series - Wednesdays

People to Thank - Audit Committee (Janey, Bill, Kabir), Elizabeth Vaughn for Children's Chapel, the group of people at the last work day (Herb will write these)

Next Month's Devotional - Aaron

Closing Prayer