

Episcopal Church of the Ascension

Vestry Meeting

June 30, 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, Chris, Katie, Herb, Joan, Steve, Audry

Absent: Ginger, Todd, Aaron, Marsha

Devotional: Katie

Prayer requests: Steve, Bobbi, Diane, Jeanine, Herb, Phil, Sandy, Hoover

Ordinary Business

1) Approval of the Vestry Meeting Minutes - Joan made a motion to accept, Katie seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2) Financial Reports - Herb made a motion to accept the report, Tom seconded the motion. Motion passed.

New and Continuing Business

1) Diocesan Nominations - There has been an open process notification. As full members of the diocese, we are eligible to apply, in case anyone would like to stand for any positions. If someone is interested, nominations are open now through August. Fr. Paul will forward the email from the diocese to the Vestry so we know what we might be applying for, and what the expectations are. He will also make it known to the parish.

2) Committee Chair Recruitment - this will require some direct asking. Any ideas for someone who might be a candidate would be appreciated.

3) Dinka agreement review - the contract was renewable up to 3 times, which we have done. We have adjusted the rate several times, but we now need a committee to review and evaluate the agreement and make adjustments. Katie, Chris and Tom volunteer.

4) Security Update - Marsha is continuing to work on in-person training for ushers, LEMs, vergers, acolytes, greeters, staff, vestry, choir, and others. While some of the emphasis is on active shooter training, it would also help in other types of emergencies like a weather emergency or fire, etc.

5) Audit committee - The report is due September 1. The vestry needs to approve the committee members. The proposed members are Janey Burruss, Kabir Masters, and Bill Chattaway. Motion to approve made by Chris, with a second from Joan. Members approved.

Reports:

Junior Warden - Herb; no additions to items mentioned in report out.

Senior Warden - Tom; Bishop selection committee - please send a note to those regarding our position in the diocese and to be inclusive when considering the new bishop. Will convention nominees be involved in the selection of the new bishop? We will probably send four people to the electing convention.

Rector - Fr. Paul; Summer has been a little different because schedules are different and sometimes staff is out. June has been a little chaotic, but July should be a little more controlled. Suzanne is pricing out a better option for our phone system, including integration with our school and office doors.

Calendar of upcoming events: Look at the Google calendar, and the monthly mailer

People to thank: Evan for his work in the audio booth, Carle Howell for oiling the kneelers, Kathleen for cleaning windows and pews, RH for Ice Cream Social.

Next month's devotional: Steve

Next month's offering team: Katie and Chris

Closing Prayer