

Episcopal Church of the Ascension Vestry Meeting
August 25, 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, Joan, Steve, Ginger, Aaron, Todd, Audry

Absent: Marsha, Herb

Devotional: Chris

Prayer requests: Marsha and family, Jimmy, Jerry and family, Shannon and Sarah, David, Sally, and Tom

Ordinary Business

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

Financial Reports - Motion made to approve by Chris, second made by Tom. Motion approved.

New and Continuing Business

1) Vestry and Staffing Update - Eva is leaving soon after her maternity leave, and we will hire a replacement. We are coordinating with the Formation committee to update the job description. This is Chris's last Vestry meeting. Fr. Paul asked to elect Audry to Vestry. A motion was made by Tom to elect Audry to replace Chris for the remainder of his obligation, and was seconded

by Joan. Motion passed. Fr. Paul will ask a potential candidate to become clerk of the vestry, either Elizabeth Vaughn, or Shelly Herron.

2) Capital Items and possible campaign - We got an updated quote on the doors. We have the bid on the doors and the bathrooms, which are the two the main things. We will also ask for some amount for future A/C replacements. We need to coordinate with ADS contributions. Maybe we partner on the large playground with ADS. At our next meeting we will have the entire scope, and we will prioritize and cost the entire project. Then we can see about a timeline for raising the money. We will get the bids for doors, bathrooms, and a few notes about the plan in email before the next meeting. We also need a bid on the electronic fobs for the doors. This is the priority for next month. Tom brought notes from the security project. We need to establish a permanent Security Committee. A motion was made to establish a Safety Committee, with Bill Dunham as the chair. They will work to bring us a budget next month. Joan made the motion, Ginger seconded, and the motion was approved.

3) Security Update - Fr Paul described an incident in the parish hall, when a person not associated with the church was found. He had gained entry through a door that did not latch. The main focus of replacing the doors is to secure the building, and restrict access. This will require electronic fobs, which are programmable, and can unlock automatically for disasters, etc. The importance of ADS to the church is paramount, and we need to give Kate confidence that the church is going to respond when necessary.

4) Dinka Agreement review- this will be forwarded to the Vestry for a vote during our next meeting.

5) Committee Chair recruitment - The primary need is Outbound. We also need a new Formation chair.

Reports:

Junior Warden - Todd; see Report Out.

Senior Warden - Tom; Dabney is in the process of beginning to reach out to campaign for a ministry position at the Diocese.

Rector - Fr. Paul; He has been working remotely occasionally. He is ready to start the formation year and looking forward to things ahead. He has received mostly positive feedback about alternate liturgy.

Calendar of upcoming events: Sandbranch water delivery - Sept 7, Church Work Day - Sept 7, Austin Street Center - Sept 7, Formation kick off - Sept 8.

People to thank: Kathleen Rylander for providing fruit and bread on Sundays,

Next month's devotional: Audry

Next month's offering team: Marsha and Aaron

Closing Prayer