

Episcopal Church of the Ascension

Vestry Meeting

March 24, 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, Ginger, Herb, Todd, Joan, Steve, Aaron, Marsha

Absent:

Devotional: Marsha

Prayer Requests: Jane, Doug, Jimmy, Marsha, Jewel and her family, Jerry, Janet, Bruce, Shannon, Nancy, Perry, MaryAnn, Linda

Ordinary Business:

- a) Approval of Vestry Meeting Minutes - Motion to approve minutes as amended made by Marsha, second by Todd, motion passed.
- b) Financial Reports - in the past, the Vestry has been escorting the weekly collection from nave to office. We need a rota to reinstate this, with some training to make sure everyone knows what to do. Fr. Paul will set this up. The Church Insurance policy for the building and liability will have a large increase this year due to a lot of claims in the Diocese. Motion to approve financial reports made by Joan, second by Marsha, motion passed.

New and continuing business

- 1) Committee Spotlight - Pastoral Care (Katie); explained more about intercessory prayer. Fr. Paul gave Katie kudos for growing the committee.

2) Parochial Report - Fr. Paul was happy about the results of the report, because both active members and attendance numbers were up. There was good discussion about how to solve our low attendance at Sunday school for the grades 3 - 5.

3) Update on contracts and bids - Fr. Paul - Strong Construction came to look at the Men's and Women's main bathrooms and the Parlor bathroom for a remodel bid, and to change the doors to the main entrance, bell tower entrance and from the courtyard, and the kitchen. They are working on a comprehensive bid for these changes. We are also getting info/bid on HVAC replacement. We should have the info available before the next meeting. Tom - Tom, Katie, Todd and Andrew met twice to try and figure out how to manage our physical plant. He went over the email he sent to the group. Would like to turn over the recommendations to Todd for the PP&E committee to manage.

Reports:

- Junior Warden - Todd; We have some portable AC units for some ADS rooms so we have time to figure out the replacement of certain units. The AC for room 103 A&B will be replaced, and we are in the process of scheduling the replacement.
- Senior Warden - Tom; He reminded people of the email he sent and some responses he is expecting. Tom will begin speaking to the parish once per quarter with updates and requests to the entire parish. He would like to start next month. He asked for suggestions on what to talk about. Bill and Tom are going to Fort Worth to an Active Shooter training the Saturday after Easter. There was a discussion about ADS future plans and how that would affect Ascension and how we can support them.
- Rector - Fr. Paul; We have a had a technical issue with our live stream the last two Sundays. It appears to be a YouTube issue. They are working to resolve the it. Eva and her family are moving. We will need to hire another Youth Director.

Calendar of upcoming events:

NOTE: The May Committee and Vestry meetings have been changed from May 19 to June 2.

Maundy Thursday, 7:30pm; Good Friday, Noon; Easter Vigil, 7:30pm; Easter Sunday 8am and 10:30am

April 4, Ramadan Dinner with the Dialogue Institute

April 7, Taco Bar after worship

April 26, ADS Family Picnic 4:30pm to 6:30pm

People to Thank - Judith Marshall for Altar Guild service during Easter, Dean Jenkins who helped with installing security cameras in the upper building

Next Month's Devotional - Tom

Closing Prayer