

Minutes of the Vestry of
Episcopal Church of the Ascension

March 26, 2023

Mission Statement: 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: Paul, Klitzke, Marsha Gadsden, Harry Breda, Andrew Bolt, Joan Romanosky, Steve Baker, Katie Dickinson, Todd Rutenbar, Aaron Husman

Not Present: Ashley Rector, Tom Dwyer

Devotional: Harry

Father Paul called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm and opened with gratefulness, and a prayer.

Prayer requests include: Thanksgiving for Jimmy's health, thanksgiving for Sophie's new job.

Ordinary Business

Approval of the vestry meeting minutes: Minutes approved. Motion to approve by Todd, second from Steve. So moved.

Financial reports: How do this year's financials compare to last year? It's about the same. Katie made a motion to approve, second from Harry. Motion passed.

A recent bank failure brought deposit insurance limits to mind. The FDIC limits \$250K per insured account. Do we need to limit our bank accounts to this amount? Is this something that the Finance Committee needs to review, and make a recommendation? Follow up is needed on this topic.

New and continuing business:

Executive session in order to create a motion for the bank's signature card.

Vestry check signers - Catherine (Katie) Dickinson, Ashley Rector, Todd Rutenbar, and Andrew Bolt will be the check signers. Harry moved, Marsha seconded. Motion passed. Todd will organize the date/time for going to the bank.

Reaching out to members - Please pay attention for folks who are missing and need to be contacted. Radical Hospitality needs another member, and Harry will contact Kabir. Stewardship needs members, so we need to equip Janie with people who can help.

Reports:

Jr. Warden - Andrew Bolt: Good work day yesterday. One of the lights burned out on the Ascension sign. Since one light needs to be replaced, and we will need a bucket truck, we should probably replace all of the lights. The sprinkler system needs work. We got a bid for

\$1200 for a new controller: some drip lines out front to be replaced with heads, and split the garden from the rest of the system. So far, the bid for all is about \$10K. We are waiting on another bid. The controller will be replaced now, and other work will be done after all bids are in. Security cameras were ordered, and hard drives ordered. Will be installed soon.

Sr Warden - Harry Breda: We have had a very busy couple of months. And summer will also be very busy. There will be more big events that include everyone. Not just kids, or adults. RH is working on things to get everyone involved. Asking everyone in the vestry to talk to your committees about challenges, and give a report next month. Also working on a way to report what our impact is in the community. Will be reaching out to committees for info.

Rector report - Fr. Paul Kiltzke: All attendees of the pilgrimage had a great time in the Holy Land. More videos to record and release. Regarding a third service, the musicians we wanted for a new service have not worked out. We are not going to charge for permanent name tags after all. We are in the process of reviewing our member list, and regular attendees. Still a work in progress. The welcome process is being reviewed. Did a grant form for the sabbatical leave. Did not have all the information required, so will need a different plan. Clergy sabbatical grant process is from Eli Lilly.

Calendar of upcoming events: Holy Week, hosting a Ramadan dinner 4/13 at 7pm, Adult Formation starting Sunday after Easter is Christianity and World Religions,

People to thank: Ernie for duties during Paul's absence, for volunteers during the workday,

Next Month's devotional: Ashley

Closing Prayer