

Episcopal Church of the Ascension

Vestry Meeting
November 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, Katie, Joan, Steve, Ginger, Audry, Marsha, Todd, Herb

Absent: Aaron

Devotional: Joan

Prayer requests: Jamie, Paul, Joan, Jerry, George, George, Steve and Cheryl, Paul, Manali

Ordinary Business:

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

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

New and continuing business:

a) Capital Update - Paul; Steve, Tom, Kate and Brett met to discuss ADS items that may be included. Their big ticket item is the big playground. ADS needs to be the major driver of the design and the major funder of the changes. ADS capital projects don't have to happen on the same timeline as the ones for the church. There will be

a meeting with Strong Construction in December and we will revisit the timeline and the bids. Tom will be the owner's rep through 2025. Steve is the liaison to the Vestry. ADS also need an additional classroom. They would like to know by January if this can be done. We could move Children's Chapel and Godly Play into the parlor. Then ADS could use the Children's Chapel space for a classroom. Paul needs to talk to Alice, and also Strong Construction. We also need to know the Vestry contribution to the campaign so we can present it to the Annual Meeting.

b) Preparing for the Annual Parish Meeting - Submit your annual reports. We need to get bios published for the members standing for election. The Vestry used to honor/recognize a parish member for the work they have done during the year.

1) setting a date for the Vestry Retreat 2025 - we will do this at the December meeting.

2) Honor a member of the parish.

Reports

a) Junior Warden - Todd; Refer to report out

b) Senior Warden - Tom; Refer to report out

c) Rector - Fr. Paul; He is leaving for the holiday, and will return on Tuesday December 3.

Calendar of upcoming events:

a) December 1 - Advent 1 - The Rev. Laura Warner Gilmer will officiate

b) December 8 - Passport to Christmas 3pm to 4:30pm; Lessons and Carols at 5pm

c) Christmas Eve service at 6pm

People to thank - Janice for FP

Next Month's devotional - Ginger

Next Month's Offering Team - Katie and Ginger