

VESTRY MEETING MINUTES  
CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION  
MARCH 12, 2019

ATTENDING:

Clergy: The Rev. Patrick Wingo, the Rev. Sara-Scott Wingo, the Rev. Christopher Hogin

Vestry: Marilyn Roddy, Sr. Warden; Dave Irwin, Jr. Warden; Jim Alexander, Allie Brown, Chuck Burton, Laura Johnston, Tom Moran, Marnie Page, Sylvia Peters, Amanda Rowcliffe, Pat Rutenberg, Bob Sowell, Brian Wanamaker, Allan Willoughby.

Ex officio: Linda Hawley, Parish Administrator.

The Vestry meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Pat Wingo.

RECTOR'S TIME:

Following the opening prayer, several members of past vestries gave historical perspectives of the Church of the Ascension.

OLD BUSINESS:

The minutes of the February 12, 2019 were approved as corrected.

REPORTS:

In-reach Task Force: Chair Allie Brown reported on the meeting of Allie, Muffett Testerman-Buckner, and Pat Rutenberg to consider Jerry Vreeland's proposal to add a 9:00 service. The task force recommended not to go forward with another survey. The report is filed with these minutes. Dave Irwin moved and Tom Morgan seconded the motion to table the discussion of the 9:00 service and to reconsider it within one year.

Rector's Report: The Rev. Pat Wingo reported briefly on finances.

Senior Warden's Report: Senior Warden Marilyn Roddy noted that the vestry began developing a tremendous structure at the Vestry Retreat.

Junior Warden's Report: Dave Irwin, Jr.

- Parish Administrator's Report: The financial report was given by Linda Hawley (copy attached).

- Pledge Follow-Up: Father Wingo asked for an update about the pledge follow-up. Those making calls are creating a Google doc.
- In-reach: Chair Allie Brown passed out an In-reach Report (please see attached).
- Buildings and Grounds: Chuck Burton moved and Laura Johnson seconded that a security task force be created to review the church security plan, with a subsequent report to buildings and grounds, then to temporal business to bring to the full vestry for full consideration. Motion carried.
- Outreach: Sylvia Peters and Amanda Rowcliffe reported that Aram Demirjian of the KSO will come talk to us about youth and culture in Knoxville. Sylvia also reported that the ECW visited the Change Center and will consider ways in which to engage there.
- Father Hogan reported that the Mardi Gras Committee made a commitment to donate \$1,000 to the White Oak Mission in Campbell County. Amanda Rowcliffe moved and Pat Rutenberg seconded that \$1,000 of this year's Mardi Gras proceeds be donated to the White Oak Mission. The motion carried. The final intake from Mardi Gras will be available in the near future. The Outreach Commission will discuss the allocation of the Mardi Gras funds for this year and bring a recommendation to the next board meeting.
- Assistant Rector's Report: Father Hogin reported that Mardi Gras is part of Ascension's fabric. The Wine Tasting has been directly tied to Bolivia; we will consider having a "This is Us" wine tasting on May 30, 2019.
- The Rev. Sara-Scott Wingo's Report: Mother Sara-Scott is working on adult Sunday Christian formation; she is also working with the Celtic Service Committee; the committee has met once and also took a trip to a Celtic Service at Trinity, Asheville, Sunday night, March 10.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Friday, March 29: There will be a dinner at Sylvia Peter's home in honor of the Rev. Michael Battle.
- Wardens and rectors have discussed how to address the feedback we received in the Vestry Listening Sessions. One proposal was to have a Vestry Listening Session once a month. Finances and transitions generated the most comments and questions. Each commission leader will look at the listening sessions report and come back with suggestions for an action plan. Marilyn moved that the vestry consider having listening sessions (after both services) one Sunday of the month, to be decided by the rector for one year; Jim Alexander seconded. Motion carried. Sylvia suggested that we take the Vestry structure into the Listening Sessions.

- There will be a Parish Meeting, May 5, 2019, in between services.
- Preliminary Budget Discussion; next month Mark Medley will present the upcoming budget.

The Vestry was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Brake Rutenberg