

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE VESTRY OF THE EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION**

May 4, 2020

A meeting of the Vestry of the Episcopal Church of the Ascension of Knoxville, Tennessee, of the Protestant Episcopal Church (the “Church”) was held via Zoom video conference on Monday, May 4, 2020. Present via video conference were Rev. Pat Wingo, Interim Rector; Dave Irvin, Jr., Senior Warden; Laura Johnston, Junior Warden; Jim Alexander; Jim Hodge; Tim Jeffcoat; Tom Morgan; Sylvia Peters; Pat Richardson; Marilyn Roddy; Amanda Rowcliffe; Pat Rutenberg; Janet Slabbekorn; Muffet Testerman-Buckner; Brian Wanamaker; and Neale Wetherall, constituting a quorum. Present by invitation were Rev. Christopher Hogan, Associate Rector; Linda Hawley, Parish Administrator; Mark Medley, Treasurer; and Amanda Busby, Chair of the New Rector Search Committee.

Father Pat chaired the meeting, and Brian Wanamaker served as Clerk.

Father Pat called the meeting to order at approximately 6:35 p.m.

The meeting began with a prayer and a review of the agenda.

Father Pat then opened discussion of the New Rector Search Committee (“Search Committee”). He advised the Vestry that he, Dave Irvin, Laura Johnston, and Amanda Busby had met to review the applications submitted to membership on the Search Committee. Father Pat noted that there was a very strong pool of candidates and the decision to narrow the list to a recommended slate was difficult. Dave, Laura, and Amanda reiterated Father Pat’s comments. Amanda then advised that the Rev. Cannon Michelle Bolt had recommended that the Search Committee consist of an odd number of members so as to reduce the likelihood of a even split in decision-making. Thereafter, Amanda presented the list of individuals she, Father Pat, Dave, and Laura recommended that the Vestry appoint to serve on the Search Committee. In addition to Amanda, serving as Chair, the recommended slate was as follows:

Bettie Corey	Pam Douglass	Les Hargrove
Karen McKinney	Jennifer Monroe	Emily Rowcliffe
Culver Schmid	Neale Wetherall	Chris Winn
Charlotte Wood		

The Vestry then asked questions and engaged in discussion. Following discussion, on motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, the slate was approved to serve as the Search Committee.

The Vestry then thanked Amanda for her service, and she exited the meeting. The Vestry also expressed its gratitude for each of the individuals who agreed to be considered for the Search Committee.

Thereafter, Father Pat opened discussion on the Church's plan to restart worship services at the Church following the shutdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Father Pat referred to an email he sent to the Vestry as well as public health guidelines issued by the Governor of the State of Tennessee regarding reopening businesses in light of the pandemic, both of which were provided to the Vestry in advance of the meeting. Father Pat reviewed the proposed safety protocols for reopening, including, among other items, means to reduce the number of attendees at services, maintain social distancing, require facemasks, and cleaning procedures. Father Pat advised that he was considering opening services on May 31, which would be the celebration of Pentecost. The Vestry then asked questions and engaged in discussion. Following discussion, the Vestry decided to table the matter, pray on it during the week, and to resume discussion at its next meeting.

Father Pat then reminded the Vestry that its next regular meeting will be via Zoom video conference on May 12.

The Vestry then closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Thereafter, upon motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Brian Wanamaker, Clerk

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Dave Irvin, Jr., Senior Warden