

**VESTRY MEETING MINUTES
CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
January 15, 2019**

ATTENDING:

Clergy: Rev. Patrick Wingo, Interim Rector; Rev. Christopher Hogin, Rev. Sara-Scott Wingo

Vestry: Tom Hale, Sr. Warden; Chuck Burton, Jr. Warden; Jim Alexander, Allie Brown, Muffet Testerman Buckner, Danny Harb, Dave Irwin, Laura Johnston, Tom Morgan, Marnie Page, Sylvia Peters, Amanda Rowcliffe, Pat Rutenberg, Bob Sowell, Brian Wanamaker, Allan Willoughby.

Ex officio: Mark Medley, Treasurer; Peggy Giles, Clerk.

The Vestry Meeting was opened by Fr. Pat Wingo with a reading from "Spiritual Leadership of Vestry".

All vestry members present, retiring and newly elected, were asked to introduce themselves with length of service.

REPORTS:

- Financial: Financial report was given by Mark Medley. (Copy attached) Mark outlined the financial report as it related to 2018, and he also reported on the budget for the coming year of 2019, and budgetary concerns.

As requested by Mark Medley, Tom Hale reports on the status of the lawsuit involving the roof and the need to consider a solution to the repair of the roof regardless of the lawsuit outcome.

Pat Wingo presented a proposed letter to be sent to parishioners regarding financial concerns for 2019. A discussion followed regarding suggested changes to the letter. After the discussion, Pat suggested a team from

vestry members gather to make final edits to the letter before it was sent out to parish members.

- Rev. Christopher Hogin reported that there has been an overwhelming response for upcoming Mardi Gras and people who have expressed desire to be involved, including vestry members. The only area of inquiry is, what will Mardi Gras fund in the future in addition to continuing the funding of the Bolivian mission trip? An additional item reported on by Christopher was a request to participate in an Episcopal build of a Habitat for Humanity House. It was decided to postpone Ascension's participation for one year, given the coming year's budgetary concerns, and allow for more long-range planning.

OLD BUSINESS:

The minutes for the vestry meeting of December 11, 2018 were approved with the addition of Jim Alexander having been present at the December meeting.

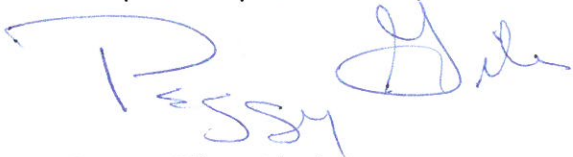
Tom Hale reminded of the "After Christmas Party" for vestry and staff at his and Terri's home on January 20, 2019.

Pat Wingo reminded of plans for vestry retreat on January 25 and 26, 2019. Also a reminder of Michael Battle coming to Ascension on March 29, 30 and 31, 2019.

Pat also reports on the planned formation of a Stewardship Education Committee.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



Peggy Giles, Clerk