

**The Church of the Ascension  
Minutes of the Vestry  
September 18, 2018**

**Present:** Rev. Stewart Tabb, Lana Butler, Courtney Wheeler, Donna Killmon, Susan Motley, Ann McMellin, Chuck Beers, Sherlyn Horton, Tim Westfall, Bob Motley, Mark Hattler, Patti Glowatsky, and Kristan Huddle, our new Register.

**I. Welcome:** Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Ann McMellin led the opening devotion.

**II. Register:** The minutes of the previous month's meeting (August 11th) were approved.

**III. Staff Reports -**

**Christian Formation Report:** Patti Glowatsky reported that she had received positive feedback on the Children's Table in the Sanctuary and the creation of the Children's Chapel. She also expressed a strong desire to have the Vestry find a large space for the EYC Room following the discussion and recommendation of the Space Committee.

**Day School Report:** Mark Hattler reported that the Day School budget should balance at the end of the year. The school is currently dealing with teacher retirement and turnover.

**IV. Building and Grounds Report:** Tim Westfall reported on the preparations for Hurricane Florence. He also reported that the lighting issues have been fixed and that they are addressing a roof leak over the Sacristy.

**V. Pastoral Care Report:** Donna Killmon reported that one of the homebound parishioners, although evacuated for Hurricane Florence, actually enjoyed the change of scenery! She also asked for suggestions on what to do for the homebound in October.

**VI. Food Pantry:** Lana Butler reported that the Food Pantry room has been completely renovated and she is waiting for the inspection sometime in October. The food pantry will hopefully open again in January 2019. She is anticipating giving food and turkeys to the needy the week before Thanksgiving. She has purchased a large barrel to be placed in the Church for the collection of food.

**VII. Outreach Report:** Courtney Wheeler reported that the School Supplies for the Mission was a great success. She is also considering a Holiday Clothing collection to be given to one of the clothes closets in our neighboring churches, as well as joining in the Salvation Army stockings. Chuck Beers reported that the 2019 NEST will be the week of February 20-27. We will again be partnering with Talbot Park Baptist Church.

**VIII. Treasurer's/Finance Report:** Chuck Beers gave the Treasurer's report for August noting the difference of \$-3112 between YTD Actual total income of \$239,696 and YTD Actual total expenses of \$242,808. He reported that investments posted a \$3989 gain for August. He further reported that the Audit Reports indicated that the records are in great shape. Finally, he made a motion to the Vestry that the Holey Open event funds be allocated equally to the Youth Mission Trip and Pastoral Care. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. (See attached August 2018 Treasurer's Report)

**IX. Clergy Report:** Stewart reported that the Bishop will be visiting on October 7th, and about 10 parishioners will be confirmed/received. Following the service will be a reception in Rose Hall and Stewart asked for help with set up and clean-up. Following a discussion of the recommendation from the Space Committee, she also requested that the Vestry embrace the need to give significant space to the EYC. It may be possible that the extra funds from the food pantry remodeling fund be used to purchase new furniture and decoration for the EYC room.

## **DISCUSSIONS**

- 1. Stewardship:** Bob Motley presented information on the 2018 Annual Response Program (ARP) and Stewardship Ministry. Following his presentation, the Vestry agreed to follow his recommendations for the Organizational Structure for Stewardship and Sherlyn Horton was appointed as the Coordinator. Ann McMellin and Donna Killmon volunteered to handle Pledge Cards and organizing the celebration in the Parish Hall. Courtney Wheeler and Chuck Beers will handle scheduling three informational congregational meetings. Chuck Beers will also prepare a simple financial handout for use at the congregational meetings. Susan Motley will write the opening letter. Stewart is to prepare the Stewardship Sermon and select the worship speakers for the Sundays of Oct 14, 21 and 28. Pledge cards will be sent out the week of October 8.
- 2. Service times:** Another notice will be put in the bulletin requesting congregational input on changes to service times.
- 3. Space Committee Recommendations:** Tim Westfall reported that after discussion with committee members and Patti Glowatsky and Mark Hattler, the Committee recommends that the EYC room be transferred to the Day School. Following discussion by Vestry members, a motion to transfer the EYC room to the Day School for use as a Resource Room was made and seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
- 4. Goals:** Stewart requested that the Vestry be considering its Mission Story and goals for the coming year, and will begin discussion at the next Vestry meeting.
- 5. Offer of gift of property:** Carol Talbot has offered our Church a gift of a small green lot on Talbot Hall Rd. Following discussion, the Vestry decided not to accept the offer, because we would have to maintain and insure the property.

**X. Schedule/Devotions:** Ann McMellin led the closing devotion. The next Vestry meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 16th at 7:00 p.m. Susan Motley will lead devotions for this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristan Huddle