

**The Church of the Ascension  
Minutes of the Vestry  
January 15, 2019**

**Present:** Rev. Stewart Tabb, Lana Butler, Courtney Wheeler, Susan Motley, Ann McMellin, Chuck Beers, Donna Killmon, Tim Westfall and Kristan Huddle

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

**II. Register:** The minutes of the previous month's meeting (December 18th) were approved.

**III. Staff Reports** - No reports.

**IV. Building and Grounds Report:** Tim Westfall was present and submitted a written report (see Attachment #1 Email from Susan Motley dated 1/15/19)

**V. Pastoral Care Report:** Donna Killmon was present and submitted a written report. (see Attachment #1 Email from Susan Motley dated 1/15/19)

**VI. Food Pantry:** Lana Butler was present and submitted a written report. (see Attachment #1 Email from Susan Motley dated 1/15/19)

**VII. Outreach and Fellowship Report:** Courtney Wheeler was present and submitted a written report. (see Attachment #1 Email from Susan Motley dated 1/15/19) There was also a discussion of payment for lunch and reimbursement of cost of preparation to volunteer cooks. Roni Porfert to write something in Announcements and The Herald. Lana Butler discussed the Volunteer Appreciation Lunch scheduled for March 24th. It is planned to provide information on volunteer activities to the congregation to encourage participation.

**VIII. Treasurer's/Finance Report:** Chuck Beers was present and submitted a written report. (see Attachment #1 Email from Susan Motley dated 1/15/19). He further reported that the church now has malicious attack insurance that was added to the policy for free. He is also involved in a free program with the Diocese on how to build disaster plans.

**IX. Clergy Report:** Stewart Tabb was present and reported that

1. there will be a two prong approach to Lent; one service for adults and one for families on Thursday evening (as was done for Advent).

2. Katherine Lawrence is the leader for the Lay Readers. 3. Kit Tate has volunteered to be the year-round Stewardship leader. 4. She is still searching for the open vestry position and hopefully will have someone soon. Following discussion, it was decided that Nellwyn Beamon will send out Stewardship Letter via snail mail only and not email. It was also decided to keep the present Mission Statement.

Upcoming dates:

3/6/19 Lent begins 4/21/19 Easter 5/5/19 Parish Meeting 5/12/19 Youth  
Sunday Memorial day will be a combined service with Royster and TPBC  
6/9/19 Pentecost and Parish Picnic 6/24 to 6/28/19 Vacation Bible  
School 7/28 to 8/3/19 Mission Trip

**X. Schedule/Devotions:** Courtney Wheeler led the closing devotion. The next Vestry meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 19th at 7:00 p.m. Donna Killmon will lead devotions for this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristan Huddle