

**The Church of the Ascension**  
**Minutes of the Vestry**  
**February 19, 2019**

**Present:** Rev. Stewart Tabb, Courtney Wheeler, Susan Motley, Ann McMellin, Chuck Beers, Donna Killmon, Suzi Montagna, Mel Phillips and Kristan Huddle

**I. Welcome:** Susan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Donna Killmon led the opening devotion.

**II. Register:** The minutes of the previous month's meeting (January 15th) were approved.

**III. Staff Reports - Day School:** Tyesha Hancock promoted to lead teacher of the 4's Class.

**IV. Building and Grounds Report:** Written report submitted. (see Attachment #1 Email from Susan Motley dated 3/4/19)

**V. Pastoral Care Report:** Donna Killmon was present and submitted a written report.

(see Attachment #1 Email from Susan Motley dated 3/4/19)

**VI. Food Pantry:** Written report submitted.

(see Attachment #1 Email from Susan Motley dated 3/4/19)

**VII. Outreach and Fellowship Report:** Courtney Wheeler was present and submitted a written report. (see Attachment #1 Email from Susan Motley dated 3/4/19).

**VIII. Treasurer's/Finance Report:** Chuck Beers was present and submitted recommendation from Finance Committee included in email from Chuck dated 2/25/19 (attachment #2). A motion was made to accept the recommendation from the Finance Committee to place the \$15K excess funds from 2018 on hold. The motion was seconded and unanimously accepted. See also Attachment #3 with Mid-month financial reports included in email from Chuck dated 2/19/19. See also 2017 Audit Issues for Review (Attachment #4 included in email from Chuck dated 2/21/19).

*Note: All emails with attachments #1-4 forwarded to Nellwyn Beamon 3/5/19 for inclusion with Vestry Minutes of 2/19/19.*

**IX. Clergy Report:** Stewart Tabb was present and reported that the issues with Scout's behavior involving 3 youngsters has been addressed and the Scout leaders will supervise more closely.

Stewart then led a discussion on Fresh Expressions of Church including Living the Questions, a video with 35 modern theologians and Biblical scholars that would be an evening program at church in three 7-week sessions.

It was also agreed that the Vestry meeting scheduled for 4/16/19 would be changed to 4/9/19.

Stewart also led a discussion about the recruitment of new Vestry members.

Then Scout Leader, Christopher Szkaradnik, presented his request for the Scouts to build and maintain a Little Library for the nearby community to be placed on Church property. Following discussion, a motion was made to accept the proposal, seconded, and unanimously approved.

**X. Schedule/Devotions:** Donna Killmon led the closing devotion. The next Vestry meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 20th at 7:00 p.m. Suzi Montagna will lead devotions for this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristan Huddle