

**The Church of the Ascension
Minutes of the Vestry
April 9, 2019**

Present: Rev. Stewart Tabb, Courtney Wheeler, Tim Westfall, Chuck Beers, Suzi Montagna, Mel Phillips, Lana Butler and Kristan Huddle

I. Welcome: Chuck Beers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Lana Butler led the opening devotion.

II. Register: The minutes of the previous month's meeting (March 20th) were approved as amended.

III. Staff Reports - Nothing to report.

IV. Building and Grounds Report: Tim Westfall present.

1. Boiler relief valve replacement cost: \$1200
2. Yard cleanup will be next weekend as previous weekend rained out. Need to replace dead azaleas in raised beds.
3. Discussion on sanctuary flooring and possibility of removing one or more pews is referred to Building and Grounds for recommendation on proceeding forward in view of the new information on using wood or laminate flooring in area where the current pews have been removed.

V. Pastoral Care Report: Suzi Montagna present and reported that food, flowers and cards have been provided to everyone. On Friday at 10:00 the committee will get together to prepare the Easter baskets for the homebound.

VI. Food Pantry: Lana Butler present. Nothing new to report.

VII. Outreach and Fellowship Report: Courtney Wheeler present. Still working on getting person for Red Cross Blood Drive. A request for interested party to be added to announcements. Supper Club being enjoyed by participants.

VIII. Treasurer's/Finance Report: Chuck Beers present.

1. Pledges down \$2200.00. Total income down \$2900.00. Expenses currently \$1300.00 under budget. Still in the red \$13000.00.
2. Quarterly financial reports to be emailed and added to bulletin. Semi-annual financial reports to be mailed.
3. Finance committee recommends plate cards to acknowledge electronic check pledges. Motion made and seconded, and unanimously approved.
4. Discussion regarding extra money from NEST.
5. Scholarships available for college.
6. Norfolk City Police to do a security check of the Church.

IX. Clergy Report: Stewart Tabb present.

1. Fresh Expressions Vision Day May 2nd at Great Bridge United Methodist Church from 9am to 3pm: training on Fresh Expressions - what is possible and how.
2. Diocesan meeting May 11th: Tod Bolsinger, author of Canoeing the Mountains will be present.
3. Alternate lay delegates (certified and approved by Vestry) needed for Diocesan Council by June. Official lay delegates as of July are Rick Jones and Anne Doyle.
4. Chanco fundraiser to support annual expenses and cover scholarships: Motion was made to send \$1000 (from Outreach), seconded, and unanimously approved.
5. May 5, 2019 is the Church Annual Meeting.
6. June 1, 2019 10am-4pm Vestry Retreat.

X. Schedule/Devotions: Lana Butler led the closing devotion. The next Vestry meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 21st at 7:00 p.m. Mel Phillips will lead devotions for this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristan Huddle