

**Episcopal Church of the
Ascension Vestry Minutes
January 10, 2023**

PRESENT: Rector The Rev. Javier Garcia Ocampo, Senior Warden Kristen Keating, Junior Warden Danielle Allen, Monty Petersen, Ed Armstrong, Susan McLaughlin, Roger LeCompte, Lisa Blanc, Shirley Allen, Randall Adams, Gary McLaughlin (Treasurer), Avin Lalmansingh (Treasurer). **ABSENT:** Lauren Kingsland

Meeting started at 6:32pm following prayer by Padre.

CONSENT AGENDA: Kristen had an edit for the minutes but will send it by email to the secretary. Shirley also made an edit to the minutes. Ed moved to accept the consent agenda with the corrections and Roger seconded. It passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Treasurer's Report: Gary compared the October and November statements. With a net income of \$3,000 it is very positive and makes November a good month. It still leaves us \$100,000 in red. Expenses were good at \$40,000 and we expect December to be good as well. The Pledge income was also good. The lack of funds will affect what we would like to do.

Budget: Randall asked if the employer tax is the money we will pay? Ruth Anna explained that it is the employee retention credit which is the credit employers received during the pandemic, The vestry did not have further questions so a vote was taken. Randall moved to accept the budget as presented and Danielle seconded. It passed; Lisa abstained.

Facilities: Randall has spent the last 12 months looking at the roof and he has taken notes from many contractors. The roof is in very bad shape. The peaked roof sections (L & M) that was replaced has had two more leaks. Those have been patched. The skylight has aged and it will start to splinter. There are two options for repairing the sky light. It will cost \$64,000 to replace them. The other option is to power wash and apply silicone which will last a few years.

The shingles that were used for the original roof were discontinued in the early 2003-2004 and they were not good. Until they are replaced we should anticipate leaks. The Brax roofing estimate is \$58,000 and another estimate we received is less by \$20,000. Randall is waiting for another estimate for \$41,900 for the education wing. This does not include the cost of the sanctuary roof. He is hoping that once the capital campaign gets underway, provision will be made for the roof. The total is about \$164,000. This amount is not in the budget. He wants the vestry to be informed of the urgency of these repairs. The continuing leaks will damage the rafters. Randall suggested that if the education wing can be done this year and the sanctuary in 2024, it will be

good. After discussion on the roofing issues, a decision was made to discuss it further during the February vestry meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual Meeting: It will be held on January 22, 2023 We will meet in person; no zoom option for the meeting. It will be a 1A Sunday and the meeting will follow. All committees need to submit their reports so the liaisons need to remind the chairpersons. The Parish Council meeting will be held on February 16, 2023.

Vestry Retreat: It is scheduled for February 3-4, 2023. On Friday from 6-8pm, we will have dinner. Both new and retiring members will be invited to dinner. On Saturday, we will have new members meet together in person from 9am to 3pm.

Padre announced that Avin Lalmansingh will be the new treasurer as Gary's term is over after the annual meeting.

OPEN MIC; Danielle reminded the vestry to come up with a charity for the Rice Bowl with Lent approaching soon.

Randall said that the sanctuary was cold on Sunday so he will change the temperature on the thermostat to 68 degrees on Sundays.

ADJOURNMENT:

Padre provided closing prayer. Danielle moved to adjourn the meeting and Kristen seconded. The meeting ended at 7:54pm

Respectfully submitted,
Ophelia Yalley-Ogunro
Secretary of the Vestry