The Church of the Ascension
Claymont, Delaware
Monthly Meeting of the Vestry – October 19, 2026

In attendance:	Sandra O'Tanyi	Cathy Harwell	Genia Thomas
	Janet Middleton	Ann Archer	Steve Stephenson
	Melissa McQuade	Jim McDaniel	
	Rev Kije Mugisha Rwamasirabo		Lyndie Mozzoni, Clerk & Treasurer

Sandra O'Tanyi called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

ABSENT:

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- It was moved by Steve Stephenson and seconded by Janet Middleton that the minutes of the previous meeting are approved as submitted. The motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Lyndie went over the Cash available for operating, gross income and expense and Budget verses actual
- Grace purchased the remaining ShopRite cards. Ascension will only sell Food Lion going forward
- Lyndie to review restricted fund and other transactions to clear up cash for operating
- BCM Master Fund A was discussed
- Ann Archer made a motion to accept September's Treasurer Report as submitted. Steve Stephenson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- Camp Arrowhead Scholarship is usually distributed in November; however, Lyndie requested to send it early. Genia Thomas made a motion to approve Ascension's annual donation of $1,000 to the Camp Arrowhead Scholarship Fund. Janet Middleton seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Church Rental – Janet Leishman (former director of St David's Preschool and member of St. David's Church) requested to rent Ascension's Sanctuary on Saturday, April 3, 12 – 2 pm at a discounted rental fee of $200. Janet hosts "Knight Templars" service. Sandy Pierce will be in attendance and play the organ. Any fees due to Sandy will be the responsibility of the Knights Templar. All approved the discounted rate.
- Genia Thomas suggested revisiting the discussion held in February regarding Wardens title. It was suggested to transition from Senior and Junior Warden to Co-Warden. Lyndie to contact Grace to see if they have transitioned to Co-Wardens. Bylaws will need to be re-written for Annual Meeting approval

- Inclement Weather
    - State of Emergency – closed
    - Remind parishioners to use extra caution and their best judgement
    - Wardens to make call
    - Lyndie will update Facebook and Voicemail; in addition send an email

OLD BUSINESS

- Fall worship was discussed.
- Ash Wednesday – Lyndie to provide Attendance trend
- UTO ingathering was discussed. Vestry decided to keep with original ingathering date of 10/25
- Stewardship Ingathering 11/1. A parishioner to bring up basket of Pledge Cards in addition to hearts. All hearts to be placed in the pledge card basket. Once all hearts have been received a decision will be made on how to best display.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Diocesan Acceptance – Lyndie suggested increasing Ascension's contribution to $7200 per year. Working on moving Ascension back to the Diocese's requested percentage. Janet Middleton made a motion to budget $7200 for Diocesan Acceptance in 2027. Steve Stephenson seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Outreach Report
    - September Food donations valued - $128; plus $100 cash
    - $300 Outreach budget to be used for Ditty Box Supplies; 100 boxes will be filled on 11/14 in addition to $349 collected from Parishioners. Ascension is filling boxes only; not wrapping
    - Seamen Center is accepting volunteers to wrap Ditty Boxes. If interested see Ann or contact the Seamen Center of Wilmington.
- Kije discussed starting a Saturday Evening service. The first service would be held following the Nativity Display in December.
    - Increase Foot Traffic
    - Advertise via social media, banner and sign
    - Discussed "Red Doors" staple of Episcopal Church

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting Adjourned at 7:45

Next Vestry Meeting – November 16

Respectfully submitted,
Lyndie Mozzoni