The Church of the Ascension
Claymont, Delaware
Monthly Meeting of the Vestry – August 17, 2026

In attendance:	Sandra O'Tanyi	Cathy Harwell	Genia Thomas
	Janet Middleton	Ann Archer	Steve Stephenson
	Lyndie Mozzoni, Clerk & Treasurer		

Sandra O'Tanyi called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm

ABSENT: Jim McDaniel

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

- In June the Master Fund A transfer voted on during the April's meeting posted; quarterly distribution was also posted
- Genia Thomas made a motion to accept June's Treasurer Report as submitted. Steve Stephenson seconded the motion. Motion carried
- Lyndie notified the Vestry that insurance will be over budget for the year by about $1,000
- Office will be over budget due to the changeover to Servant Keeper.
- Payroll will be under budget
- July utilities were low, however, August electricity was doubled.
- Steve Stephenson made a motion to accept July's Treasurer Report as submitted. Janet Middleton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- Fall worship
    - Sea Sunday – 9/2
    - Blessing of the Animals – 10/4
    - All Saints' – 11/1 – Potluck Coffee Hour
- Christmas Eve 5 pm; Christmas Day 10 am – Vestry approved times
- Kije's new LOA was discussed
- The Diocese of Delaware has increased Supply Rates. This is the first increase since 2024
- Stewardship was discussed. Lyndie to send Vestry prior Campaign titles. Looking for ways to make a more interactive campaign
    - Timeline (10/4 – 11/1)
        - Mailing starts 10/1
        - Ingathering – 11/1

- Many parishioners liked Rev Henry Galganowicz
- Hard to hear during worship with the Air Conditioner. Mics have been adjusted however, readers need to be close to the microphone and still project
- Tracey to reach out to Ron and neighbors to have the driveway from Darley Road cleaned up

OLD BUSINESS

- By Law Review – change is highlighted – Lyndie will send an updated copy to Vestry for final approve and add to the agenda for Annual meeting and notifications.
    - Page 2 Section V. Letter E – Verbiage added to "A Senior and Junior Warden, who shall be elected members of the vestry, shall be nominated and voted on by the Rector and Vestry at a meeting of the Vestry to be held immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting.
    - Page 2 Letter H – The nominating committee shall consist of up to (2) members of the Vestry whose terms of office extend for at least another year, and up to (2) voting members of the parish who are not members of the Vestry.
    - Page 4 Section IX - A Clerk shall be elected by the Vestry at the ~~first regular~~ meeting of the Vestry held immediately following the annual parish meeting
    - Page 4 Section X, Letter A. A Treasurer shall be elected by the Vestry at the ~~first regular~~ meeting ~~after the annual meeting~~ held immediately following the annual parish meeting.
    - Page 5 Section XVI – Add review by Date of February 2032
- Standing Resolution Review – change is highlighted
    - Page 2 Section 8 - The Vestry shall determine the disposition of any special offerings received from, Christmas and Easter services, at the November Vestry meeting, ~~each year~~ for the upcoming fiscal year. The special offering received from the Good Friday service, shall be sent to the Diocese of Jerusalem; ~~the disposition of the special offerings received at Easter, shall be determined by the Vestry at its February meeting~~. The disposition of any other special offerings shall be determined by the Vestry as required.
    - Page 2 Section 10 - The disposition of any monies derived from specific fundraising projects ~~such as, but not limited to the Market Fair~~ shall be deposited in the general treasury of the Church of the Ascension until the vestry determines otherwise. The vestry shall receive recommendations from the Special Events Committee for the disposition of funds from their other fundraising events and vote on such distribution.
- Annual meeting will be held February 28, 2027; meeting reports due 1/15/2027

OTHER BUSINESS

- Room rental – possibly Girl Scout Room. Lyndie to gather more information such as what is the craft (painting, etc); also contact Girl Scouts leader to inquire if they are returning

- Outreach Report
    - June food donations $292
    - July food donations $230
    - The Committee will donate $300 to Christmas at Sea ditty box collection
    - Packing party will be held on Saturday November 14
    - August 30 plate will go to Christmas at Sea

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting Adjourned at 7:45

Next Vestry Meeting – September 21

Respectfully submitted,
Lyndie Mozzoni