

The Episcopal Church of the Ascension
May 2025
Vestry Meeting Minutes

Quorum – The Rev. Alex Dyer, Keith Limardo, Erle Newton III, Seth Wilhoite, Cathy Harville, Kelley Dial, Kristen Braid, and Neal Brunt. Corinne Scott-clerk. Lindy Agan and Judith Cunningham absent.

April 2025 Minutes – Cathy Harville motioned to accept the minutes with date correction and the correction of the Thompson gift amount to an estimate \$171K. Erle Newton III made the second. Motion carried.

Finances – April pledge revenue resumed expected levels. Worship expenses were higher due to Holy Week and Easter services needs, plus fees for guest musicians. This month the second quarter insurance payment was booked. Buildings & Grounds varied very slightly to the budget. Accounting expenses were higher due to fees from the outside bookkeeper. The YTD bottom-line showed an excess of \$719. Restricted Funds accounts were reviewed showing no unexpected changes.

Discipleship & Apostleship Reports – Chairs will be asked to submit regularly regardless of activity. The reporting has become rather anemic. Christian Formation and Connect provided reports for the month.

Keith Limardo reported the live stream of services from January through May 13 averaged 27 views for 16 Sundays. Other services streamed were Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the memorial service for Claudia White.

Other Business-

LGBTQIA+ Celebration/Observation for June 2025 – Do we have a celebration and to what degree? For now it was decided to limit the celebrations to within the parish with speaker and/or forum. Perhaps future celebrations would be community wide.

Comprehensive Campus Taskforce (CCT) will take the ideas and suggestions presented by Duo Dickinson and those attending the meeting on May 10th and get more details and feasibility of these ideas. The vestry agreed a budget needs to be established for CCT.

Alcohol policy – The subcommittee has yet to come to a consensus. More work is planned to develop a policy.

The WHY statement also requires more work before final draft is presented to the vestry.

Both subcommittees need a goal and date!

Requests – add prayer list to the electronic bulletin and to hang Linda Pineo's picture.