

St Matthew's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting, October 19, 2022

The vestry of St Matthew's met Wednesday, October 19 at 6pm via Zoom. Members present were Chris Ellis (Sr. Warden) Kyle Dennis (Jr. Warden), Deb Hansen (Treasurer), Chris Yarberry (Secretary), Ellen Gregan, and Selena Ellis. Also present was the Rev. Jay Bruno (Vicar) and the Rev. Nancy Cook (Deacon).

The meeting began with Compline led by Rev. Bruno with responses and readings by Rev. Cook.

Motion to accept September minutes as written by Ellen Gregan, seconded by Deb Hansen. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to accept September financial report by Chris Yarberry, seconded by Ellen Gregan. Motion passed unanimously.

Average Sunday attendance for August was 37.

Old Business

Discussion of average attendance and visitors/new members and potential for church growth.

RB House Update - The vestry discussed possible renters and the clearout of the last items remaining from the previous tenant. The RB house will be ready to rent soon after some final touch ups. Rev. Bruno heard there might be a potential renter and Selena also knows of a potential renter from habitat for humanity. Deb will pass this info on to the realtor.

Anita dropped in to update us on her application for a grant from Wal-Mart. It has been a complicated process but she is now past the initial steps and has been able to submit the application to our local Walmart. Anita also shared a request for help with managing the food pantry. Nancy said she would help and suggested specifying areas of need.

Rev. Bruno reminded us about the check up for lighting in the church prior to the Bishop's visit. Kyle and Tony are planning to do this as soon as their work schedules permit. He also reminded us that the greening of the church will be held on December 17th at 2pm.

Also, Rev. Bruno's vacation time in November will be moved to the week of November 7th due to the clergy conference.

New Business

Rev. Bruno made the vestry aware of "Holy Conversations" opportunity to be a part of discussions on selecting our new Bishop.

The vestry will provide food for the stewardship in-gathering on November 6th for a brunch between services. This will be added to the announcements.

Rev. Bruno also reiterated that he is excited about our continued partnership with CJohn. He also shared Selena's request for Dollars for Outreach funds to help CJohn. A motion to give \$250 from Dollars for Outreach to CJohn was made by Selena Ellis and seconded by Ellen Gregan. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Ellen Gregan, seconded by Chris Yarberry.