

St Matthew's Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting March 23, 2022

The vestry of St Matthew's met Wednesday, March 23 at 6pm via Zoom. Members present were Kyle Dennis (Jr. Warden), Deb Hansen (Treasurer), Chris Yarberry (Secretary), Selena Ellis, Ellen Gregan and Melinda Hood. Also present were 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.

Old Business

Motion to accept February minutes as written by Ellen Gregan, seconded by Kyle Dennis. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to accept February financial report by Kyle Dennis, seconded by Ellen Gregan. Motion passed unanimously.

Average Sunday attendance for February was 26 (estimated)

There was discussion of ideas for the 70th Anniversary Celebration of St. Matthew's.

Motion to hold 70th Anniversary Celebration meal with catering on May 1st by Ellen Gregan, seconded by Selena Ellis. Motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion of returning to snacks after service starting April 24 (provided by Rev. Cook), skipping May 1st due to the 70th Anniversary Celebration, then continuing May 8th (provided by members of the congregation. Sign up sheets will be passed around promptly. Motion to follow this plan for return to after-service snacks by Ellen Gregan, seconded by Chris Yarberry. Motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion of acquiring a new refrigerator for the church for Flower Guild flowers, as the old one is not functioning well. Rev. Bruno and Kyle will investigate.

There was discussion of Holy Week services and Rev. Bruno inquired about the normal practices for this week at St. Matthew's. The vestry agreed to poll the congregation on their preference for noon vs. evening options for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services.

Kyle Dennis shared a concern brought to his attention (as the new Jr. Warden) by the RB House tenant Barbara Miller about grout, staining of the deck and storage building. Kyle will investigate her storage needs and see about making space in the shed. The vestry agreed she would be responsible for getting her own containers. Kyle also asked about best practices for making repairs and subsequent reimbursements. Kyle may use his best judgment, and it was agreed that Kyle or Deb can pay and get reimbursed for urgent repairs that need to be done quickly. If the issue is not urgent the vestry will review in advance of the repair.

Rev. Bruno brought it to the attention of the vestry that Vestry Guidebooks are available at the church. Rev. Bruno also informed the vestry of general plans discussed at the meeting of Priests and Deacons to

hold a training for EM/EV sometime in May at Cathedral. Lector training may be included. Further details on this matter will be shared as they are available.

Selena Ellis shared that CJohn will be providing some leftovers for the food pantry.

Rev. Bruno shared that the food pantry grant was approved and will require 2 perishable food giveaways (\$450-\$500). Pantry match has been offered. Deb Hansen shared that so far \$195 has been contributed for the pantry match. It was agreed that requests for pantry match contributions would continue. There was discussion of times for perishable giveaways to be held possibly in summer (when kids not in school may be in greater need) and perhaps around the holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas (when families may be in greater need).

Rev. Bruno reported a clean bill of health on the termite check-up.

Deb Hansen posed a question about remaining leaves and yard work around the RB House despite the Boy Scouts' clean-up. This will be looked into further.

Kyle Dennis reminded the vestry that mowing would begin soon and requested the sign-up list be passed around at church. Rev. Bruno said he will bring out the sign up sheet with gusto!