

St Matthew's Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting, Wednesday August 16, 2023

The vestry of St Matthew's met Wednesday, August 16 at 6pm via Zoom. Members present were Lee Storey (Sr. Warden), Chris Yarberry (Secretary), Deb Hansen (Treasurer), Selena Ellis and Susan Alford. Also present was the Rev. Jay Bruno (Vicar) and the Rev. Nancy Cook (Deacon).

Compline was led by Rev. Bruno with responses by Rev. Cook.

Motion to accept July minutes as written by Deb Hansen, seconded by Lee Storey.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to accept July financial report by Melinda Hood, seconded by Lee Storey.

Motion passed unanimously.

Average Sunday attendance for June was 36.

Old Business

The vicarage renter has moved out. Some repairs will be needed. Joann Buchanan will be the new tenant beginning around October 1st, as well as an active member of St. Matthew's. Susan asked if the insurance will cover the repairs and Deb confirmed yes, as she has received the check. She is getting estimates on the interior repair. The roof is ok for now, but may need to be replaced soon. Jake recommended a repair on damaged portions under the roof/supports.

Estimates were shared on the tree cleanup (vicarage) and there was discussion. Deb made a motion to use the cheaper option of either Reyes or Urban Jacks. Melinda seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The other tree cleanup at the church can wait.

Next the vestry discussed the real estate agency tending the vicarage and RB house. Deb gave an update and feels we should stick with Century21 as the agent who manages our rental properties. Selena shared her experience. Deb got the fee lowered 25%. Deb also suggested we keep the vicarage at \$1,100 for Joann, Selena preferred we raise it to \$1,200, if the real estate agent suggested this. Melinda motioned to keep vicarage rent at \$1,100, Deb seconded. Motion passed but Selena was opposed.

Jay will also take some more vacation the week of Aug 21-28 for birthdays.

Little Free Library Update

The completed box was dropped off with Lee, to be stained or painted. The door still needs to be made. Jay will start the process to register. Selena suggested we wait until cooler months for the blessing. Selena and Dawn already have books to donate. Nancy also shared that she has a connection with Holy Trinity to get Bibles to put in the pantry to be gifted/given away.

Vestry discussed painting or staining the little library. Selena said that Buckey's Memorial fund can pay for the paint or staining materials. The vestry agreed to paint it white with a red door.

A tree at the church fell on the neighbor's fence. He asked about being paid or reimbursed for this. He doesn't own the house. After discussion, a majority of the vestry felt we are not responsible to do anything, but there was concern that he might cause trouble. Final conclusion was to do nothing at this point as we are not responsible.

Rev. Bruno reminded us of the opportunity for some of the EM's to serve as lay eucharistic visitors as needed and there may be need for this in the future. The kit at church may be missing some pieces, but he can check on this on Sunday. Sue at the Manor has made a request for a eucharistic visit. Joann and Selena might do this.

Judy will be out on the 27th when Jay is out. Vestry agreed we can go without music for the one day if needed.

A marquee color change has been requested. We will need the Mesley's to help with this.

Susan made a request that we check on the AC at church. Melinda will follow up on this. May need to check the coolant, but the thermostats seem to be ok. There is concern about the flowers wilting/dying due to the warmer temps because of this.

Rev. Bruno will explore sign options for the Little Free Library with Buckey's Memorial title added.

In early October Jay will take some additional vacation for surgery. He wanted to give us a heads up once it was likely to be scheduled.

Motion to adjourn by Selena, seconded by Melinda.