

## **St Matthew's Episcopal Church**

### **Vestry Meeting, Wednesday April 19th, 2023**

The vestry of St Matthew's met Wednesday, Apr 19th at 6pm via Zoom. Members present were Lee Storey (Sr. Warden), Melinda Hood (Jr. Warden), Chris Yarberry (Secretary), Deb Hansen (Treasurer), Ellen Gregan, Susan Alford and Selena Ellis. 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 March minutes as written by Deb Hansen, seconded by Ellen Gregan.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to accept March financial report by Ellen Gregan, seconded by Melinda Hood.

Motion passed unanimously.\*

Average Sunday attendance for March was 38.5

\*Some annual pledges have come in early so we are ahead.

Vestry discussed some of the recent new visitors and is optimistic about this.

### **Old Business**

Regarding the flower beds in the front of the church, Selena has collected \$220 so far, and Deb has some contributions as well. They will compile and record these gifts. Vestry discussed options and ideas for what to plant and what is needed, including mulch, flower types, etc. Deb suggested we try some native plants, and also asked about making sure we have someone lined up to maintain what is planted. Rev. Bruno said we could make an announcement during services regarding this. The McKinney's are willing to help and Lee shared that she has some plants that can be transplanted; Selena will check on this. Selena also suggested that plants be donated in memorial and that we hold a blessing of the garden.

Rev. Bruno asked if there were any website updates or changes needed to follow up on his request for this last meeting and there was brief discussion.

Father D will serve as priest on Sunday April 23.

Also Judy will be returning to play organ!

Prayer list updates are forthcoming and we will begin to use first names only moving forward.

### **New Business**

Rev. Bruno shared that Dawn brought to our attention that the defibrillator pads are in need of replacement. Lee Storey shared that they cost roughly \$60-80 based on her research. A motion to replace these was made by Melinda Hood and seconded by Ellen Gregan. Lee Storey will order them.

Rev. Bruno also shared that the audit report has been received. Deb Hansen shared a question about a shared use agreement with the Boy Scouts. She will check with John on this. Ellen Gregan thought there might have been a handshake agreement. Susan Alford remembered having signed a document for the Boy Scouts when she was Sr. Warden in the past. A motion to approve the audit report was made by Lee Storey and seconded by Susan Alford. The motion passed unanimously.

Rev. Bruno shared that he and Lee Story had discussed initial ideas for Pentecost, perhaps heavier snacks. The official date is May 28th which is Memorial Day weekend so the vestry agreed we might hold it on an alternate weekend since many travel or are out for the holiday.

Rev. Bruno also shared an idea he had discussed with Lee Storey to make a free church library to complement the food pantry. The vestry discussed and agreed to explore this idea. Rev. Bruno will investigate and report back.

Lee Storey shared a concern regarding the temperature in the church recently being high/hot and the back thermostat not working. Melinda Hood will ask Mark about this.

Additional concerns shared were as follows:

-Possible over-filling of the food pantry at times; the vestry agreed we need to ensure controlled filling to moderate the flow of refills and it was suggested that leaving a note indicating date and time of your refill would be helpful.

-A check from the Diocese for online contributions was stolen from the church mailbox! The vestry discussed safer and more secure options. A motion to get a security mailbox was made by Ellen Gregan, seconded by Chris Yarberry. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Ellen Gregan, seconded by Selena Ellis.