

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

### **Vestry Meeting, Wednesday May 17, 2023**

The vestry of St Matthew's met Wednesday, May 17th 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 April minutes as written by Ellen Gregan, seconded by Lee Storey.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to accept April financial report by Melinda Hood, seconded by Ellen Gregan.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Average Sunday attendance for March was 44.

#### **Old Business**

Sunday will be blue jean Sunday, with work on the flower beds after the 11am service and Tonya will provide snacks.

Ellen Gregan suggested we read full names for those who have passed away and also for birthdays and anniversaries.

Rev. Bruno confirmed that the Boy Scouts will mow for us! Deb Hansen also reported that we do have an agreement with them. Selena Ellis asked about insurance coverage for injury or accident regarding the Boy Scouts; Rev. Bruno will look into this.

Update on the new mailbox: many thanks to Deb Hansen who got it. It is heavy duty and strong, with locking capability. Mark and Kelly have some ideas and suggestions to help. They will discuss these on Sunday at the work day.

#### **New Business**

The vestry will need to officially vote on Anita moving forward with her discernment. Her committee met Sunday past. A motion to accept Anita's discernment moving forward was made by Ellen Gregan and seconded by Susan Alford. The motion passed unanimously. The vestry then discussed the next steps in her process.

Rev Bruno and Cook went to the Oasis Group meeting which is geared towards discussing challenges facing small churches. Jay picked up on a neat, new idea: a text message group for important messages within the church congregation and pastoral care. The vestry discussed and Rev Bruno will explore this further.

Nancy and Lee noticed we have some rotting boards on some of the ramps and steps at church. Lee suggested we pressure wash and paint after they are repaired. Melinda will ask John about doing the repairs. Lee agreed to do the painting. A motion to repair the damaged boards/steps was made by Selena Ellis, seconded by Lee Storey. The motion passed unanimously.

Kelly is working on building a new flower cross for us!

Windows in the church need caulking. Chuck will take care of this.

Deb Hansen shared some ideas for better options with CDs we have that are maturing soon. The first recommendation was to change a 6-month CD that we have maturing soon, to a 1-year. A motion to make this change was made by Melinda Hood and seconded by Selena Ellis. Motion passed unanimously. The second recommendation was to either increase our other CDs to \$10,000 or set up a ladder with one CD rolling over each month; this would allow us to take advantage of better interest rates and also allow access to funds periodically if needed. The vestry discussed these options and asked/answered questions. A motion was made by Melinda Hood and seconded by Chris Yarberrry, to add 8 additional CDs (12 total at \$2500 each) so that we have a ladder with one CD maturing each month. Motion passed unanimously.

A suggestion was made regarding Super Snacks on Pentecost Sunday, that they be held inside the fellowship hall. The vestry agreed.

An additional repair need was brought forward: the flush handle on the toilet in the church bathroom is not working, the plastic lever is broken. Rev Cook will check with Chuck about getting this fixed. Ellen Gregan volunteered to pay for the repair.

There will be a service for the Feast of Ascension tomorrow, with communion.

Candidates for our new Bishop will be announced June 2nd. Meet and greet with questions will be held in early August, with the vote on who will become Bishop to be held in late August.

Motion to adjourn by Ellen Gregan, seconded by Melinda Hood.