

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting February 23, 2022

The vestry of St. Matthew's met Wednesday February 23rd at 6 PM via Zoom. Members present were Chris Ellis (Sr. Warden), Kyle Dennis (Jr. Warden), Deb Hansen (Treasurer) Chris Yarberry (Sec.), 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 by Selena Ellis and readings by Rev. Cook.

Chris Yarberry volunteered to be the Secretary of the vestry for 2022. The vestry accepted this by consensus with no objections being made.

Kyle Dennis volunteered to be Jr. Warden for 2022. The vestry accepted this by consensus with no objections being made.

Old Business-

Motion to accept January minutes as written by Deb Hansen seconded by Chris Ellis.
Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to accept January financial report by Chris Yarberry seconded by Melinda Hood.
Motion passed unanimously.

Average Sunday attendance for January was 27.

The old vicarage has been leased to new tenants.

New Business-

There was a discussion of returning to in-person worship again.

Motion to return to in-person worship on Sunday February 27th by Ellen Gregan seconded by Melinda Hood.

We will have the same Covid policies in place as before we suspended in-person worship this last time.

Deb Hansen told the vestry that the garbage bill has went up to \$40/month. She suggests that since Barbara Miller, our tenant at the RB house, pays 1/3 of that bill that we should pass some of the increase to her too. It would be about \$5/month extra. The increase would begin in April.

Motion to ask Barbara Miller to pay an extra \$5/month towards increased garbage fee by Melinda Hood seconded by Selena Ellis. Motion passed unanimously.

Rev. Bruno presented the 2021 Parochial Report to the vestry.

Motion to accept the 2021 Parochial Report as written and send it to the diocese by Ellen Gregan seconded by Selena Ellis. Motion passed unanimously.

Rev. Bruno spoke about this year's lenten study to the vestry. There was a discussion of what time and day of the week would be best to meet for lenten study. The vestry came to a consensus that Thursdays at 6:30 PM would be the best time.

Rev. Bruno stated that Ash Wednesday services would be at noon and at 6 PM. The noon service will be a full Eucharist followed by imposition of ashes. The 6 PM service will be a shorter one followed by imposition of ashes.

Chris Ellis reported that the refrigerator the flower guild uses in the church is on its way out and needs to be replaced. Rev. Bruno said that he knows someone in the restaurant business that may be able to find us one at a good price. He will contact this person and check into it.

Rev. Bruno brought it to the vestry's attention that St. Matthew's 70th anniversary is in April. He suggests a press release. He asked the vestry to think of things we could do as a church to commemorate this. Some felt Easter Sunday would be a good time to do something. Ellen Gregan suggested putting a banner displaying something about the anniversary on the webpage. Selena Ellis suggested having a Homecoming.

Selena Ellis presented the results of the 2022 Habitat for Humanity "Souper Bowl". This year the event brought in around \$7,000. It normally brings in around \$5,000 so it was an excellent year. Later this month, Habitat for Humanity is dedicating the house in Haskell that St. Matthew's members volunteered at in 2021.

Motion to adjourn by Ellen Gregan seconded by Melinda Hood. Motion passed unanimously.