

St Matthew's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting May 25, 2022

The vestry of St Matthew's met Wednesday, May 25 at 6pm via Zoom. Members present were Chris Ellis (Sr. Warden) 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 April minutes as written by Ellen Gregan, seconded by Melinda Hood. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to accept April financial report by Kyle Dennis, seconded by Melinda Hood. Motion passed unanimously.

Average Sunday attendance for April was 37.

Rev. Bruno reported that the Fellowship Hall roof repair has been completed. An anonymous pledge to match \$1,000 in church giving has been made and will alleviate the need to request help from the Diocese. This will be communicated in the newsletter.

Rev. Bruno updated the vestry on details for the EM/EV training. It is set to be held on Saturday, August 27 from 10-3. More details will be forthcoming along with sign up information.

Rev. Bruno followed up on the worship/event committee idea and suggested we plan to get this underway by August for the Fall and holidays. Chris Ellis volunteered to be on this committee. The committee will be made up of both vestry and non-vestry members.

Rev. Bruno shared a reminder of the request for volunteers at CJohn. Selena added that ECW may help with this. Rev. Bruno also mentioned that he may request a helper for food pickup for the pantry, and added that this is a work in progress.

New Business

Rev. Bruno shared details about a letter received from Karen Brown with UAMS/AFMC offering a covid shot info/clinic that could be provided for the community through the church. The vestry agreed that this is a favorable opportunity and suggested outreach through the food pantry with flyers. Rev. Bruno will get more info and details.

Rev. Bruno confirmed that we have received a grant of \$5,000 from Kroger in the form of gift cards (10 at \$500 each), to supplement our food pantry outreach! They must be used at Kroger. The vestry agreed to send church representatives on senior day to optimize savings. There was discussion as follows: Melinda shared that she could cover the first couple weeks of June and then hand off the current gift card in use to others, Selena and Lee, etc. Rev. Cook shared that

she will also help when she is able. The vestry agreed that we should use them to supplement the pantry with items we need. Chris Ellis cautioned that we check the grant language to be sure we spend the cards appropriately. A motion to use the Kroger grant gift cards to supplement the food pantry per the grant's terms, was made by Ellen Gregan, seconded by Melinda Hood. The motion passed unanimously.

Rev. Bruno reminded the vestry that the Safeguarding Program renewals were coming up soon; he is currently completing the training and will administer it for us.

Rev. Bruno also informed us of a vicar's vacation set for June 20-28.

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