

**St Matthew's Episcopal Church**  
**Vestry Meeting, September 28, 2022**

The vestry of St Matthew's met Wednesday, September 28th at 6pm via Zoom. Members present were Chris Ellis (Sr. Warden) Kyle Dennis (Jr. Warden), Deb Hansen (Treasurer), Chris Yarberry (Secretary), Ellen Gregan, Melinda Hood and Selena Ellis. Also present was 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 August minutes as written by Melinda Hood, seconded by Ellen Gregan. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Average Sunday attendance for August was 37.

**Old Business**

Update on new bank accounts with Arvest was given by Treasurer Deb Hansen. Regions accounts will be closed out once everything has cleared.

RB House Estate Sale Updates - Will be held Sep 30th and Oct 1st, Civitan will get any leftover items from the sale and the new realtor will take over afterwards. Deb suggested we keep the refrigerator in the RB house for the new renter. It was donated to us by Barbara for the flower guild but the vestry agreed we ought to keep it for the RB House. Other questions about additional appliances were discussed and whether or not we need to provide those for the new renter. Rev. Bruno added that he is glad the realtor will manage the RB House moving forward and suggested we get guidance from her on what the RB House needs. Deb will follow up with the realtor and any decisions will be made via vote/email prior to the estate sale.

The vicarage management currently under another realtor will likely move to the RB House realtor. The current renter may overlap.

Lee Storey asked that mowing expectations be made clear to the new RB tenant, to ensure they are aware that they are responsible to mow their area and what that area includes. Discussion of mowing expectations and possible purchase of new equipment followed, as well as a request for a push mower. Rev Bruno's neighbor has a mower repair service which could be a good source for help with this so he will make inquiries when the time comes.

Rev. Bruno reminded us about making sure church lighting was checked and bulbs replaced if necessary from the bulbs purchased by Toni, in preparation for the Bishop's visit.

Riley Curry has volunteered to assist with our food pantry for the year as a school project.

### **New Business**

Worship and events committee has met and updated the calendar for upcoming holidays. We will not have Lessons and Carols this year due to the Bishop's visit, but will bring it back next year. The committee will meet again in January.

Rev Bruno had a good meeting with the Bishop and showed him our EM applications.

Upcoming important church event dates:

Blessing of the Animals on October 8th at 10am

Perishable Food Giveaways on November 19th at 10am and December 17 at 10am

Greening of the Church on Dec 17th at 2pm after perishable food giveaway

Updates on 2023 Stewardship campaign:

-a committee is being put together

-we still need two more speakers to talk about stewardship

-in gathering event on Nov 16th with heavy snacks/brunch between services

-the vestry will provide food for this

After brief discussion about the vestry's meeting time, a motion to move the vestry meeting to the 3rd Wednesday of the month was made by Ellen Gregan and seconded by Melinda Hood. The motion passed unanimously and this change will be in October.

Report by Selena Ellis on Anita's discernment:

Selena is the liaison to the vestry for Anita's discernment committee (including Susan Alford and reps from other churches). They are currently working on their spiritual biographies and Anita has shared hers, the committee will be sharing theirs next. After the 8-month discernment process concludes the committee will make a recommendation.

Rev Bruno's upcoming vacation times:

Oct 17-25

Nov 14-22

Dec 5-12

Rev Bruno also shared the Central Arkansas Pride event shirt and the vestry all liked it.

Rev Bruno is considering his retina surgery decision coming up in January and will keep us updated. He would likely miss at least one Sunday for this procedure.

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