

The Vestry of St. Matthew's met on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 6:00 pm by Zoom with the following members present: Susan Alford, Senior Warden; Chuck Messley, Jr. Warden, Anita Sacrey, Secretary; Dawn Burger, Chris Ellis, and Kyle Dennis. The Reverend Nancy Cook+, the Reverend Jay Bruno+, and Deb Hansen (treasurer) were also present. Fanny Neely was absent.

Chris Ellis led Evening Prayer.

Motion: C. Ellis, seconded by K. Dennis to accept the November 2020 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: C. Messley, seconded by C. Ellis to accept the November 2020 financial report. Motion passed unanimously.

Sunday attendance averaged 31 in November in the Zoom worship services.

Old Business

Boy Scout troop cleaned the deck and are going to rake leaves.

Stewardship Campaign Update – Deb has been sending thank you emails to those who pledged.

Saline County COVID-19 numbers—47.5 per 10,000 people as of 12/6/20 – so we cannot meet in person yet.

Vestry nominations – Selena has agreed to serve. The vestry identified three additional members who are eligible and will ask one person at a time if they are interested.

James' Pantry offering fresh items Dec 19 – Group is meeting at fellowship hall at 9:00 Saturday.

Internet for St. Matthew's – Susan can't get a response from AT&T. We may need internet for when Jay starts working at the church one day per week. Susan/Jay will continue working on this.

New Business

Water problem in bathroom - Barbara Miller's house behind Fellowship Hall. Water is leaking from the shower onto the floor. Chuck will look at it and get a plumber if necessary.

Rat problem at Vicarage reported by Terminex - Chuck has checked this out and put a new latch on the door. He would like to get Clark Exterminating to come out and put poison out. They charge around \$120 to do it. He will first check to see if rodent removal is part of our contract with Terminex. Motion by C. Messley, seconded by D. Burger to pay for rat removal if it's not covered under our contract with Terminex. Motion passed unanimously.

Boys Scouts' fundraiser for James' Pantry - The troop doesn't do fundraisers but they do projects. They have done several projects for the church.

Separate account for James' Pantry donations – It would be easier to just keep a list of income and expenses. We've had several donations totaling \$1090, and we spent \$364.50 in

November. We will spend approximately \$450 in December, leaving a balance of approximately \$275.

Proposed appointment Letter for Jay effective 2/1/21 - Dollar amounts are set by diocese. Since Jay has enrolled in Medicare, he has requested reimbursement of his premiums in lieu of paying for health insurance through the diocese. The diocese has advised that we would need to add that to his salary. The agreement allows for 4 Sundays of vacation per year, so we can either do Morning Prayer on those Sundays or request a supply priest. This agreement will be finalized next month.

Proposed budget for 2021 for discussion – Deb Hansen presented the initial version of the 2021 budget and pointed out that it will be a deficit budget of around \$5,000. We have a fund balance of \$67,000, so it won't be a problem but that needs to be kept in mind. Church secretary and sexton are not budgeted, nor is the diocesan convention since it will be virtual. Tithes to the diocese will be 10.5% of our 2020 revenue, so that number will have to be determined after January 1. The vestry will vote on the budget next month.

Calendar

- Perishables/children's books offered - James' Pantry December 19
- Christmas Eve, December 24 @ 6:00 p.m.
- Christmas, December 25
- Vestry Meeting January 27, 2021
- Annual Meeting January 31 after 11:00 a.m. service

Supply Priest Schedule

- Rev. Jay Bruno, January 3, 2021
- Rev. Jay Bruno, January 10, 2021
- Rev. Jay Bruno, January 17, 2021
- Rev. Jay Bruno, January 24, 2021
- Rev. Nancy Cook, January 31, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Sacrey