

The Vestry of St. Matthew's met on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 6:00 pm by Zoom with the following members present: Susan Alford, Senior Warden; Anita Sacrey, Secretary; Dawn Burger, Chris Ellis, Kyle Dennis, Fanny Neely, and Chuck Messley. The Reverend Nancy Cook+ and the Reverend Jay Bruno+ were also present.

The Reverend Nancy Cook+ led Evening Prayer.

Motion: F. Neely, seconded by C. Ellis to accept the August 2020 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: A. Sacrey, seconded by F. Neely to accept the August 2020 financial report. Motion passed unanimously.

Sunday attendance averaged 38 in August in the Zoom worship services.

Old Business

Thank you cards – Susan will send a card to Barbara Miller, our tenant, for regularly putting food in the church food pantry.

Stewardship Committee – Lee and Selena have drafted a letter that will go out next week and are scheduling four people to speak at Zoom services.

Zoom Services/Saline County COVID-19 Numbers – At 11.7 per 10,000 cases (as of 9/15/20), we could meet in person per bishop's guidelines. The vestry discussed and most felt the church is not ready to start in person due to the small space and variable case numbers. It would be confusing and disruptive to start in person and have to stop again. When we are ready, we might consider having three services to spread people out and have people make reservations. We also need more cleaning supplies before we start meeting in person. Jay will check on a sanitizing sprayer. We will revisit this next month.

Livestreaming of Services – This would be for when we resume in-person worship. Jay has been talking with priests in other churches in the diocese about how they are doing this. It does require an initial investment in equipment. A good camera would run about \$500. We would need a computer or iPad as well. It would also require internet. Fanny had Fidelity when she lived in the RB house and it was reliable and low cost of around \$25 per month. Susan will check internet prices. Motion: F. Neely, seconded by D. Burger to spend up to \$1,000 on equipment and look into the monthly internet cost. Motion passed unanimously.

Additional Weekday Service – Jay presented options including having him record a morning or evening prayer service mid-week; or, we could post a link to one of the churches that is doing mid-week services already. The vestry liked the idea of posting a link to another service mid-week on our Facebook page.

Blessing of the Animals – We will do a Zoom service on October 10 at 10:00. Anita will post it on Facebook and Susan will put it in the Saline Courier. No certificates this year.

New Business

Renaming the Food Cabinet – Motion: D. Burger, seconded by C. Messley to dedicate the food pantry in memory of James and give it a name that honors his memory. Motion passed unanimously. Vestry members were asked to bring name suggestions to the next vestry meeting.

Preaching in October 2020 – Jay received text from Stephanie Fox about rotating preaching in October. However, it appears that Grace is going to do Facebook Live instead of Zoom, so it looks like the churches will do separate services.

Advertisement in Saline Courier's Church News Page – Selena had told Susan she would check on prices of putting St. Matthew's in the Worship section. Fanny suggested not spending much on a newspaper entry as most people look online for churches. Jay suggested we might want to invest in boosting Facebook posts advertising the Zoom services.

Calendar

- Stewardship Kick Off September 2020
- St. Matthew's providing food for Apostle's Build on October 6
- Blessing of the Animals October 10 via Zoom
- Vestry Meeting October 28
- Souper Bowl Sunday January 29, 2021 (subject to change)

Supply Priest Schedule

- Rev. Nancy Cook, September 27, 2020
- Rev. Jay Bruno, October 4, 2020
- Rev. Jay Bruno, October 11, 2020
- Rev. Jay Bruno, October 18, 2020
- Rev. Jay Bruno, October 25, 2020

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Sacrey