

**St. Matthew's Episcopal Church**  
**Vestry Meeting January 19th, 2022**

The vestry of St. Matthew's met January 19th at 6 PM. Members present were Anita Freer (Sr. Warden), Chuck Messley (Jr. Warden), Kyle Dennis (Secretary), Dawn Burger, Chris Ellis, Ellen Gregan and Selena Ellis. Also in attendance were the Rev. Jay Bruno (Vicar), the Rev. Nancy Cook (Deacon), Deb Hansen (Treasurer) and Jon Meyer.

The meeting began with Compline led by Rev. Bruno with responses by Rev. Cook.

Jake Long from Troop 53 of BSA spoke to the vestry about his plans to renovate the prayer garden next to the Fellowship Hall. He is doing this as an Eagle Scout project. His plan include replacing the benches and cleaning the dedication plates, cleaning the paving stones, mowing, cleaning up unruly bushes and pressure washing to repaint the cross. He said he would need a Saturday or Sunday in February to do this and wanted to make sure it wouldn't conflict with any prior plans.

**Old Business-**

Motion to accept December minutes as written by Ellen Gregan seconded by Anita Freer. Passed Unanimously.

Motion to accept December and end of year 2021 financial reports by Chuck Messley seconded by Ellen Gregan. Passed unanimously.

Average Sunday attendance for December 2021 was 35.

**New Business-**

Discussion of this week's communiqué from the bishop. He wanted to know what churches were meeting in person or online. He also stated that the 2022 diocesan convention will be on Zoom.

Discussion of rising Covid-19 number and what the vestry's plan are for the coming weeks.

Motion by Ellen Gregan seconded by Anita Freer to begin having Sunday services on Zoom. We will start having services online this Sunday and look at infection rates and reconsider in-person worship at the February vestry meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

The annual meeting for the parish is scheduled Sunday January 23rd at 9:30 AM. It will also be online.

Deb Hansen led a discussion of the budget for 2022.

The next vestry meeting was set for Wednesday February 23rd at 6 PM.

Fr. Jay spoke of an idea that he had where we would encourage people to bring specific types of food on different Sundays in order to help keep stores in Fellowship Hall up in between runs to the food bank.

Motion by Anita Freer seconded by Ellen Gregan to accept the 2022 budget. Passed unanimously.

Selena Ellis spoke to vestry about the upcoming Souper Bowl on February 11th. Five local restaurants are going to donate soup. Due to Covid there will only be curbside pickup. They have asked for St. Matthew's to donate 100 cookies to be given away with the soups. The cookies will be due February 7th-10th.

Chuck Messley gave the vestry a report on the progress at the old vicarage. Him and Joanne have been making repairs in order to prepare it to be rented again. He said that they have painted most of the rooms, replaced a toilet seat, and replaced the grill for air intake to accommodate more common size filters. He also said the house may need a new range because valves aren't working.

Motion by Ellen Gregan seconded by Selena Ellis to purchase a new range for the old vicarage. Passed unanimously.

Anita Freer spoke about a grant she was trying to apply for to help fund the food pantry. The vestry agreed it was a good idea.

The vestry decided to cancel the perishable food giveaway on January 29th.

Motion by Ellen Gregan seconded by Dawn Burger to adjourn. Passed unanimously.