

November 24, 2015

### November Vestry Meeting

The Vestry of St. Matthew's met on Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Members present were Rev. Slaymaker, Bucky Ellis, Ginny Engel, Ellen Gegan, Deb Hansen and Melinda Hood. Amy Sullins, Fanny Neely and Chris Yarberr were unable to attend. After Evening Prayer, the meeting began with The Rev. Slaymaker presiding.

The minutes of the October meeting were reviewed. B. Ellis moved to accept the minutes as submitted; G. Engel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The financial report was reviewed. D. Hansen moved that the report be accepted; G. Engel seconded. The motion passed unanimously. A question had been raised at the last meeting concerning the amount that Rev. Curtis Jones is being paid by St. Matthew's. Melinda has researched the issue and found that the amount that St. Matthew's is paying Rev. Jones was negotiated by Rev. Jason Alexander.

### **Old Business:**

The flower garden in front of the church is being prepared; Phil and Jim will be adding flowers to it when they return in the spring.

The Men's Club is still planning a pancake supper for Shrove Tuesday on February 9.

### **New Business:**

Twenty-three pledges have so far been received for 2016; two or three others are still expected. Thus far, approximately \$55,670 has been pledged. In 2017 or 2018, the National Church will begin asking each Diocese to contribute approximately 15% to the National Church. Each Diocese is expected to pass this additional contribution request on to individual congregations.

There will be four months with 5 Sundays in 2016. Lorrie will preach on 2 of those. The Vestry agreed that we would like to have Curtis preach on the other 2 Sundays, if he is willing. He will be paid his normal rate from St. Matthew's for those days. Lorrie discussed training for homilists with Rev. Jason Alexander at Clergy Conference earlier this month. He is still looking into that and is also looking into providing a 'sermon in a box' which consists of sermons by famous individuals that could be read by a member of the congregation. That type of sermon worked well recently when a homilist was ill, and Rev. Slaymaker's sermon was read at each of the services.

Bucky, Ellen and Amy will be the Nominations Committee for new Vestry members. Possible nominees were discussed. These included Jim McLelland or Philip Munoz, Selena Ellis, Chris Ellis, Glen Poteet, Markie Bryan and Mary Mitchell.

The ECW Bake Sale made \$568.50 last weekend. Thanks to all who contributed and helped with the bake sale.

Kids' Club was not scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 2 because that is the day that the ECW had planned to have their Christmas dinner. However, they have since decided to have a Christmas lunch on Saturday, December 5 at Susan Benzik's home. Lorrie will look into rescheduling Kids' Club.

**Vicar's Report:**

The Annual Meeting will be held on Jan. 31, 2016.

Fanny Neely will be the homilist on Nov. 29, and Bucky Ellis will deliver the homily on Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>.

Diocesan Convention will be held Feb. 19-20.

Jan. 7-14, Lorrie will be traveling to Mexico and will be taking vacation March 7-17.

**Senior Warden's Report:** There was no Senior Warden's Report.

**Junior Warden's Report:** The fan blade has been repaired. New lighting has been installed over the altar, and the vent over the men's restroom in the Fellowship Hall has been replaced.

**Other Reports:**

G. Engel reported that the ECW recently found a box of St. Matthew's coffee mugs that will be made available to congregation members who would like to purchase them; the money raised could be used for scholarships for camp. Also the ECW plans to clean the kitchen in the Fellowship Hall.

The December Vestry meeting will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 15, and the January meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 26.

There was no further business, so the meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Hansen