

The Vestry of St. Matthew's met on Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at 6:00pm 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: D. Burger, seconded by C. Messley to accept the July 2020 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: A. Sacrey, seconded by K. Dennis to accept the July 2020 financial report. Motion passed unanimously.

Sunday attendance averaged 35 in June in the Zoom worship services. The increase is due to the addition of the early service.

Old Business

Thank you cards – Kyle suggested sending a thank you card to Deb Hanson.

Stewardship Committee – Lee and Selena will have a meeting this Friday to develop a letter to go out to members in September. Normally we have a stewardship ingathering for All Saints (early November), but we will determine later whether that can happen. Fanny suggested including information on online giving in the stewardship letter. Chris suggested including a stamped envelope so that members can return their pledge by mail. Jay suggested having four members speak for one minute during the Zoom services about what St. Matthews means to them during stewardship season.

Mowing – The mower is fixed. Dawn suggested that maybe the Boy Scouts could do some mowing for us, but others felt it might be too much of a liability. Kyle offered to continue mowing for the season.

Ralph Bunch – 350 black and blue pens were delivered for the children's backpacks.

Zoom Services (feedback) – Most people seem to like it. Our numbers in Saline County do not support meeting in person yet. When we start meeting in person we will have a discussion about getting a camera, etc., for livestreaming services.

Food pantry – Susan saw people in the community are putting things in. Several members are stocking it as well.

Maintenance – The handrail of the fellowship hall ramp is coming loose. Chuck will check on it.

Keeping in contact with members who haven't been to Zoom services – Nancy has been calling people who haven't been attending the Zoom services. Most have said they will attend when we are back in person.

Nancy is also working on updating the directory. It was mentioned that we need to be careful not to delete people unless we know they no longer want to be a member.

New Business

Jay brought up the idea of having another service on Facebook or YouTube live that people can observe without having to participate as with the Zoom services. Many Episcopal churches are doing that. Jay and Nancy indicated they would be glad to lead it. Jay will check into this.

Blessing of the Animals – The vestry decided to do the animal blessing by Zoom on October 10. We will put an ad in the paper and also advertise on Facebook.

September 27, 2020 – Jay on vacation but he will be there to run the Zoom service while Nancy preaches.

Apostle's Build update – They are in the early planning stages and looking at social distancing for the builders. The building will likely be spread out for more than one week this year.

Souper Bowl – They will likely have people go to each individual church to purchase soup this year. More details will be available later.

Calendar

The next vestry meeting is September 23, 2020. Stewardship will kick off in September 2020. The Bishop's visit is to be announced.

Souper Bowl Sunday January 29, 2021 (subject to change).

Nancy is doing a funeral August 27 at St. Luke's in Hot Springs.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Sacrey