

The Vestry of St. Matthew's met on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 6:00pm by Zoom with the following members present: Susan Alford, Senior Warden; Anita Sacrey, Secretary; Check Messley, Junior Warden; Dawn Burger, Fanny Neely, Kyle Dennis, Chris Ellis. The Reverend Nancy Cook+ and the Reverend Jay Bruno+ were also present.

F. Neely led Evening Prayer.

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

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

Sunday attendance is averaging 30-35 in the Zoom worship services.

Old Business

Thank you cards - Susan will send a thank you card from the vestry to Kelly for mowing the grass today.

Flyers for food pantry - Susan talked with Selena about the flyers we want to put in the food pantry. The evangelism committee might meet by Zoom. The committee will discuss putting the flyers in the pantry.

Stewardship Committee - Susan will ask Lee Storey to head up the stewardship committee. Possibly Diana would agree to be on the committee as well.

Mowing - Susan will put the mowing schedule in the weekly newsletter that is emailed to all members.

Online donation platform - Jay and Susan have researched online giving programs. There is a charge for processing each transaction, usually 2-3%, depending on what service you use. There is also an option to use the diocese's program, allow the donations to go to them, and they can cut us a check. The Stewardship Committee could devise a way to ask people to donate a little extra to cover the transaction processing fee. Anita mentioned there might be a free option with PayPal if you select "give to family and friends". Jay will contact Mary Jane at the diocese for guidance on different options, and he will also look into PayPal.

New Business

In person church services – According to documents on COVID-19 from the diocese, we would have to conduct services outdoors if we began in-person services for June, along with social distancing and sanitation requirements. The group noted problems with having services outdoors such as audio issues, space issues, and heat. Motion: D. Burger, seconded by F. Neely to continue services on Zoom through the month of June. Motion passed unanimously.

Music license – You must have a license to broadcast any music (even hymns) on Facebook Live or any other public platform. The diocese looked into getting a music license for online services for all churches in Arkansas and it was going to cost \$6,000-

\$7,000. On Zoom, we don't need a license because it is considered a private meeting. The concern is for when we return to in-person services and want to broadcast the services. The license is called "One License" and the cost is based on size of your church. This is something we will have to consider if we decide to broadcast services and if we have any music at the services that are broadcast.

Service broadcast options – At the advice of the bishop, we need to consider broadcasting services when we start meeting in-person again. There will be members who are still not comfortable being around people, and we want those members to be able to engage in the online services. Jay suggested using YouTube Live. He also recommended a Mevo camera for livestreaming. We will check prices when we get closer to resuming in-person services.

Zoom service times – The vestry discussed changing the time of the Zoom services to 10:00 to help 8:30 people be able to attend. It would be a compromise for the 8:30 and 11:00 members. Motion: C. Messley, seconded by D. Burger to change to a 10:00 worship service time on Zoom with Sunday School at 9:00, only to be applicable while services are on Zoom. Motion passed unanimously.

Flower Guild - Fanny still needs mulch for the cutting garden.

Upcoming activities - Pentecost is May 31. The Bishop is scheduled for a visit on Sept. 27, subject to change.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Sacrey