

The St. Matthew's vestry met on Wednesday, October 24, 2018 in the fellowship hall. Members present were Rev. Lorrie Slaymaker, Chris Ellis, Selena Ellis, Lee Storey, Susan Alford and Justin Wright. Absent were Fanny Neely, Laura Curry and Nancy Cook.

The meeting began with evening prayer.

J. Wright volunteered to take minutes.

REPORTS

A motion by L. Storey and seconded by S. Alford to approve the September 2018 minutes.

Motion passed unanimously.

A motion by C. Ellis and seconded by J. Wright to approve the September 2018 financial report.

Motion passed unanimously.

Average Sunday Attendance is 38.

OLD BUSINESS

The Evangelism Committee members include Selena Ellis, Anita Sacrey, Ellen Gregan, Victoria Meyer, Chuck and Joanne Messley, Sha and Kyle. S. Ellis is checking with Mark Burger for his interest in joining. The first meeting of the Evangelism Committee is TBD.

Dollars for Outreach balance is \$433.50. The vestry will determine recipients of the funds at a later date.

Scraping and painting the exterior of the RB house has been rescheduled for spring 2019.

S. Ellis has received two estimates of \$1,500 each to replace four windows in the church. She will continue to work with the two companies to determine if they offer payment plans and/or reduced pricing for a church.

NEW BUSINESS

New dates for upcoming vestry meetings: November 15 and December 12.

Stewardship for 2019

Stewardship letters and pledge cards have been hand-delivered and mailed. We will have an in-gathering brunch at 9:45am on Sunday, November 4. The committee is looking into purchasing a flowering cherry tree to be planted near the flower beds in front of the church as a reference to the 2019 stewardship campaign theme "Expanding Branches and Deepening Roots."

Diocesan Convention is scheduled for February 15-16, 2019 (Friday evening and Saturday 8am-3pm). S. Ellis and L. Storey expressed interest in attending, however are unable to commit at this time. The vestry will seek interest from other individuals at a later date.

Christmas Eve service at St. Matthew's is scheduled for 8:00pm on Monday, December 24.

CALENDAR UPDATES

The vestry discussed various calendar updates for the next eight months. A potluck dinner will be held on Shrove Tuesday (March 5, 2019) at 6:00pm. The Bishop will visit St. Matthew's on Sunday, June 16, 2019.

SR WARDEN REPORT

Information has been sent to Amazon to setup St. Matthew's in the Amazon Smile directory. We are in the final stages of the process and expect it to be completed within the next couple of weeks.

JR WARDEN REPORT

Chuck Messley repaired the classroom ceiling.

Replacement of four church windows was discussed during NEW BUSINESS.

Chuck Messley and Kyle are looking into repair of the outside cross. A \$400 donation has been received for this effort.

The RB house renter has asked for reflectors to be placed at the entrance to the St. Matthew's drive. S. Ellis and L. Storey will purchase reflective paint to use on the curbs as the reflectors we have been using continue to break.

DEACON'S REPORT

Nancy Cook sent word she is recovering well from knee surgery.

VICAR'S REPORT

Rev. L. Slaymaker will be traveling November 23-28 and December 25-January 4.

OTHER REPORTS

Flower Guild

The pooling of water in the flower refrigerator has improved since C. Ellis purchased DampRid.

ECW: Mingle & Greet is scheduled at the Messley's home on Saturday, November 17 at 5:30pm - 7:00pm. All are invited to join in this important ECW fundraising event.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Justin Wright