

May 26, 2015

Vestry (May) Meeting

The Vestry of St. Matthew's met on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Members present were Rev. Slaymaker, Ellen Gegan, Deb Hansen, Ginny Engel and Chris Yarberr. After Evening Prayer, the meeting began with Rev. Slaymaker presiding.

The minutes of the April meeting were reviewed. E. Gegan moved to accept the minutes as submitted; G. Engel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The attendance report was reviewed and discussed.

The financial report was reviewed. D. Hansen moved that the report be accepted; C. Yarberr seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

The Disaster Preparedness Committee is updating the church directory as the first step in their plan. This is currently a work in progress.

The water leak in the Messley Addition from the snow pack this winter will not be able to be repaired until the rain stops. The water leak in the men's restroom in the Fellowship Hall has not yet been repaired, but the stopped drain in the women's restroom in the Fellowship Hall has been repaired.

The digital sign has been delivered and set up. There is currently an issue that both sides of the sign are acting independently of one another instead of working together. The sign company has agreed to return to repair that (in fact, they were working on it when the Vestry meeting ended). Rev. Slaymaker would like to have a Sign Guild made up of 2-3 individuals who will update the sign on a regular basis.

The Bishop's Visit to St. Matthew's is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, February 14, 2016. This is the second Sunday of the month, so a priest will not be available to assist the Bishop that morning.

New Business:

After 2 months of our new worship schedule, everything seems to be going well. It was pointed out that on the Sundays when Lorrie is not present, attendance is down. The second Sunday that Curtis was present, attendance was also down, but that was the Sunday of the Memorial Day weekend which may have decreased attendance anyway. It was also pointed out that it is quite dark behind the altar, and some type of light should be added to make it easier on our priests to lead the service. Some options were discussed, and the Men's Club will be consulted to see if they have ideas on what may be done to light up that area.

Fanny Neely reported that there is a black mold problem in the bathroom of the RB House. Rather extensive work is needed to correct the problem. An estimate of all work that will need to be done

should be requested, with the work broken down into phases that can be accomplished as funds are available.

The methods that will be used during the Stewardship Campaign were discussed. In the past, individuals have discussed their personal stewardship journey after the homily, but last year we tried a more relaxed dinner time discussion. Most Vestry members felt that last year's method worked pretty well, even though the number of pledging units was down from the previous year. More discussion is needed to determine the optimum method for this year's campaign.

Official paperwork has been received for several new members – the Curries, Mellissa Epperson, and Donna Griffiths. There are also other individuals interested in possibly moving their membership to St. Matthew's.

Vicar's Report:

Nancy Hornstein will be the homilist at Morning Prayer on May 31, and Fanny Jones will be the homilist on June 14. Rev. Slaymaker indicated that she will be out of town for a family wedding on Sunday, October 18. It was suggested that Canon Jason Alexander may be able to preach that day. Rev. Slaymaker will speak with Canon Alexander to see if he would be available that Sunday.

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

Junior Warden's Report: Issues with the physical plant were covered earlier in the meeting.

Other Reports:

G. Engel reported that the Men's Club would hold a meeting after church on Sunday, June 7. They plan to pressure wash the sidewalks and decks as well as cleaning the gutters on the Fellowship Hall. The ECW has been contacted to see if they would be willing to prepare some lunch for the men.

G. Engel also reported that several women attended the informational meeting on the Daughters of the King. Since G. Engel and D. Griffiths are already members of this organization, only one more person has to complete the 12 weeks of training in order for St. Matthew's to have the group. Several individuals had expressed interest, and another meeting will be held soon. It was also suggested that it might be possible to record some of the training sessions which could then be put on YouTube for those who might have missed a particular training session.

There was no further business, so the meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Hansen