

The Vestry of St. Matthew's met on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 6:00 pm by Zoom with the following members present: Susan Alford, Senior Warden; Chuck Messley, Jr. Warden, Anita Sacrey, Secretary; Dawn Burger, Fanny Neely, Chris Ellis, and Kyle Dennis. The Reverend Nancy Cook+, the Reverend Jay Bruno+, and Deb Hansen (treasurer) were also present.

Fanny Neely led Evening Prayer.

Motion: K. Dennis, seconded by F. Neely to accept the December 2020 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: C. Ellis, seconded by F. Neely to accept the December 2020 financial report. Motion passed unanimously.

Sunday attendance averaged 29 in December in the Zoom worship services.

### **Old Business**

Nancy talked to Sylvia Ross and she is doing better than the last time she talked with her. Nancy also talked with Judy Matthews and Sarah Linder.

Saline County COVID-19 numbers—61.2 per 10,000 people as of 1/19/21 – so we cannot meet in person yet.

Water problem in the RB House has been fixed by Chuck Messley. Chuck will put batteries in the thermostat and doorbell at the RB House tomorrow. Terminex is coming out tomorrow to rectify the rodent program at the Vicarage and Chuck has fixed the door to the crawl space.

### **New Business**

Delegates to attend Diocesan Convention via Zoom. It will be for two hours (10:00-12:00) on February 13. Anita volunteered and Susan will ask Selena if she wants to attend.

Letter of appointment – Jay Bruno – effective 2/1/21. Motion: F. Neely, seconded by D. Burger to accept the letter of appointment. Motion passed unanimously.

Housing Allowance Resolution for minister who lives in his/her own home – Diocese has asked that the vestry to adopt this to designate the portion of Jay's compensation that is for housing allowance. This is for tax purposes. The resolution shows \$15,000 as the housing allowance for Jay. Motion: C. Ellis, seconded by D. Burger to accept the resolution designating \$15,000 as housing allowance. Motion passed unanimously.

2021 Budget – Motion: C. Ellis, seconded by F. Neely to approve the 2021 budget as amended (amendment distributes Jay's compensation to the correct line items and does not increase overall budgeted expenses). Motion passed unanimously.

Ash Wednesday/Lent – For Ash Wednesday, people could make their own ashes for Zoom service, or we can do the service without the imposition of ashes. While some churches are having drive-through services, the vestry felt it was best to do Ash Wednesday service virtually at 6:00 pm on February 17. We can watch the numbers for Saline County and determine how to proceed for Palm Sunday (March 28). We will need to decide by the February vestry meeting whether to have in-person service for Palm Sunday.

Perishable food giveaway – We will have another perishable foods day on Saturday, February 27, 2021, from 10:00-12:00. Susan will pick up ice. Nancy will get the food from the food bank. Anita will make flyers and post the event on Facebook.

Senior Warden – Jay will name this person in February.

James' Pantry matching contributions – We have raised \$1,200 and got the \$1,000 match, plus \$260 from Anita's birthday. There is another \$200 coming. Added to the previous balance, we have roughly \$2,800 designated for James' Pantry at this time. It will be important to emphasize to parishioners that we still need them to bring food for the pantry.

Someone needs to take over the birthday card ministry at the end of January.

### **Calendar**

- Annual Meeting January 31 after 8:30 a.m. service (9:30 am)
- Diocesan Convention, February 13 on Zoom
- Ash Wednesday, February 17
- Vestry Meeting, February 24

### **Priest Schedule**

- Rev. Jay Bruno, February 7, 2021
- Rev. Jay Bruno, February 14, 2021
- Rev. Jay Bruno, February 21, 2021
- Rev. Jay Bruno, February 28, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Sacrey