

St. Matthew's Vestry August 25, 2021

The Vestry of St. Matthew's met August 25, 2021 at 6 o'clock PM via Zoom. Members present were Anita Freer (Sr. Warden), Dawn Burger, Chris Ellis, Kyle Dennis (Secretary), Ellen Gregan and Selena Ellis. Also present was the Rev. Jay Bruno (Vicar), the Rev. Nancy Cook (Deacon) and Deb Hanson (Treasurer).

6:05- Compline Led by Rev. Bruno responses by Anita Freer.

6:13- Old Business

Motion to accept July Minutes by Selena Ellis, seconded by Chris Ellis. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to accept August Financials by Ellen Gregan, seconded by Selena Ellis. Motion passed unanimously.

James' Pantry- we have around \$2700-\$2800 left in fund. Food is running low we need to make a trip to the pantry again. Rev. Cook agreed to go to pantry. Ellen said she would help unload.

Average Sunday Attendance for July was 34.

Masks- Everyone is wearing their masks so just continue with what we are doing.

6:30- New Business

Wine at Eucharist- There was a discussion of whether or not to continue offering wine at communion since most worshipers aren't taking wine. Rev. Bruno suggested that we might have priest or eucharistic minister intinct wafer for worshipers to reduce chances of people putting fingers in wine.

Bishop's Visit- Bishop Benfield seemed concerned about a lack of lighting in the church. Some lower lights in the choir will be easy to change and Kyle said he would change them. There are some lights in the nave that are going to be difficult to get to, Kyle said he would look at them and see what was possible.

Chuck Messley agreed to vote yes on getting a new website for the church since he was out of town during last meeting and had voiced some opposition to the idea before.

Motion to give funds to Cox Minshall Winans advertisers to create new website by Ellen Gregan, seconded by Selena Ellis. Motion passed unanimously including Chuck Messley's absentee vote.

There is going to be a private baptism at church performed by Fr. Jay and a private wedding performed by Fr. Darrell.

Donations to Food Pantry- After some discussion the vestry concluded that it would be best to make food pantry donations an option on the envelopes used at the offering.

Rev. Bruno spoke with someone from Saline Courier and updated church's information with them and had a discussion with them about what's going on at the church.

An announcement is going to be made Sunday about putting funds in offering for Habitat for Humanity donation since donations have been light this year.

There is an Eagle Scout who wants to repair and clean up the prayer garden. He is going to send us a written plan and coordinate with the Junior Warden.

Rev. Bruno has noticed that the gardens out front are dying. We may need to look at sprinkler timers and see what needs to be done.

Rev. Bruno has noticed that we are not listed on foodpantries.org though we are listed on mysa-line.com list of food pantries as a blessing box. Rev. Bruno said he will contact food pantries.org and get ours listed.

7:21- Motion to adjourn by Ellen Gregan seconded by Dawn Burger. Motion passed unanimously.