

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Nov. 16, 2021

The vestry of St. Matthew's met on November 16th, 2021 at 6PM via zoom. Members present were Anita Freer (Sr. Warden), Chuck Messley (Jr. Warden), Kyle Dennis (Sec.), Chris Ellis, Dawn Burger, Ellen Gregan and Selena Ellis. Also present were Rev. Jay Bruno (Vicar), Rev. Nancy Cook (Deacon) and Deb Hansen (Treasurer).

Compline: Led by Rev. Jay Bruno with responses by Ellen Gregan.

Old Business-

Motion: To accept October minutes with corrections by Selena Ellis seconded by Ellen Gregan. Passed unanimously.

Motion: To accept October financials by Kyle Dennis seconded by Ellen Gregan. Passed unanimously.

Selena suggested having budget training for vestry in upcoming year.

Average Sunday Attendance is 35 for October.

Still in masks for the time being.

Perishable food giveaway on Saturday December 18th.

Gutter covers are installed on church and fellowship hall.

ECW turned in \$300 to donate towards costs of new website.

New Business-

Youth Ministry- Fanny Neely said that she was willing to teach. The Storey's and the Rivas' would like to have their children in Sunday school. The vestry considered asking Trulie Billingsly if she would like to help. Selena is going to call Victoria Meyer and see if she would like to help or give some advice on getting the ministry started back up.

Greening of the church for Advent/Christmas season will be on December 12th after the 11AM service.

Lessons and Carols will be on December 19th at 6:30.

Christmas Eve service will be at 6:30.

Selena mentioned that there is an antique table in the fellowship hall that needs to be refinished. It was donated by one of the original members of the parish.

Chuck said that we need to be sure to use the Frog Tape he has bought to tape things on walls and doors since it doesn't leave glue marks.

Deb said that with increased natural gas costs this winter we might need to do something about accessibility to the thermostats in the church. Chuck said he would install lockable covers over the thermostats.

Motion: To purchase and install lock boxes for thermostats by Ellen Gregan seconded by Selena Ellis. Passed unanimously.

Discussion of candidates for 2022 vestry. Anita, Chuck and Dawn are going off. Fanny Neely, Martha Nehus, Melinda Hood, Marlissa Yarberry, Susan Alford, Tanya Kennedy and Chris Yarberry were suggested by various vestry members.

Discussion of possibility of increasing amount of donation requested for a two week flower donation/memorial.

Motion: To increase altar flower donation amount to \$25 next year by Chuck Messley seconded by Ellen Gregan. Passed unanimously.

Fr. Jay said he spoke with Joanie our appraiser from the Church Insurance Co. They discussed the possibility of increasing our umbrella coverage or cyber umbrella coverage.

Fr. Jay gave the vestry a short report from the clergy conference on Zoom. He said Bishop Benfield had encountered a great deal of anxiety around the diocese because not all people are coming back to church. There are three church properties for sale in the diocese. Some of the funds from the sale of these properties will go towards funding Camp Mitchell.

Fr. Jay is getting information on the *Safeguarding Our Children* program and will let us know who has to do it and all that it entails.

Annual Meeting: We'll have to see how coronavirus numbers go between now and then to see if we're going to have a meal or not.

Rodents: Mice are back in the church again. Chuck is going to call Terminex,

Motion: To Adjourn by Ellen Gregan seconded by Kyle Dennis. Passed unanimously.

