

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting October 27th, 2021

The vestry of St. Matthew's met on October 27th, 2021 at 6 PM. 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 was Rev. Jay Bruno (Vicar), Rev. Nancy Cook (Deacon) and Deb Hansen (Treasurer).

Compline- Led by Rev. Bruno with responses by Chris Ellis

Old Business-

Motion: By Selena Ellis to accept September minutes with correction to spelling of Jon Meyer's name. Seconded by Ellen Gregan passed unanimously.

Motion: By Selena Ellis to accept September financial report. Seconded by Chuck Messley passed unanimously.

Vestry agreed we should continue to wear masks for the time being.

Website- Rev. Bruno went through and found corrections for website. Everyone is going to look through it and offer suggestions. We need to think about what sites to link to such as diocese, national church, devotionals, Episcopal Relief and Development, etc. Dawn stressed that we need to have worship times and contact information easy to find on webpage.

Fr. Jay asked if we were still participating in CJCOHN. Selena said yes we are still sending them canned good during the holidays. Fr. Jay said he would try to contact them soon.

Food Pantry- We are seeing an abundance of activity at the blessing box both with people taking and contributing. Pack 53 Boy Scouts are gathering food to donate to the pantry sometime in November.

The vestry decided that we are going to have another perishable food day at the pantry on Saturday November 20th. We will have to find out what time U of A football game is that day to schedule a time that is best. Fr. Jay said he is going to contact the Saline Courier to see if they can take pictures at the event. Anita said she would make flyers in English and Spanish to distribute around town. Joanne Buchanan suggested that we do a canned food drive and bring it up at the offering for Thanksgiving service.

Chuck and Joanne Messley and Kyle Dennis finished changing burned out lights in church.
New Business-

Altar Flower Donations- Money that is donated for altar flowers also goes towards supplies for the cutting garden, expenses for decorating for holidays and the water bill for the cutting garden. There's really no money left over when these things are considered to reimburse people with. Chris said the flower guild needs to purchase additional vases soon. Selena said she would donate money from Bucky's memorial fund to purchase vases.

Motion: By Selena Ellis to use money from Bucky's memorial fund to purchase vases for flower guild. Seconded by Anita Freer passed unanimously.

ECW has donated \$300 towards the cost of the new website.

After some discussion the vestry agrees that we should continue offering wine at the Eucharist.

Joanne Buchanan, who has been attending the 8:30 service and bible study since we resumed in-person worship, is an ordained Methodist and UCC minister and is going to be moving back to Colorado. We would like to invite her to preach on Sunday November 21st.

Motion- Ellen Gregan to let Joanne Buchanan preach on Sunday November 21st. Seconded by Selena Ellis passed unanimously.

Vestry decided to move November meeting ahead so we wouldn't have to do it on the day before Thanksgiving.

Motion: By Ellen Gregan to move November vestry meeting to Tuesday the 16th. Seconded by Selena Ellis passed unanimously.

Nancy suggested that we work on another lessons and carols service for this Christmas.

Fr. Jay has purchased a wireless microphone to clip on his vestments that he will begin using sometime in the next couple weeks.

Fr. Jay is in contact with Bishop Benfield over letters to the Boy Scouts we're receiving at the church.

Motion: Ellen Gregan to Adjourn. Seconded by Dawn Burger passed unanimously.