

Vestry Minutes- March 24, 2021

St. Matthew's vestry met on Wednesday March 24 at 6 PM via Zoom. Members present were Anita Sacrey- Sr. Warden, Chuck Messley- Jr. Warden, Kyle Dennis- Secretary, Dawn Burger, Selena Ellis and Ellen Gregan. The Rev. Jay Bruno, the Rev. Nancy Cook and Deb Hansen- Treasurer- were also present.

6:05- Evening prayer led by Rev. Bruno

6:25- Meeting Begins

Motion: Ellen Gregan, seconded by Dawn Burger to accept February 2021 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Anita Sacrey, seconded by Ellen Gregan to accept March 2021 financials. Motion passed unanimously.

6:29- Old business

Rev. Bruno said that Bishop Benfield has agreed to pay half of our contribution to Rev. Gwen Fry's retirement.

Rev. Bruno contacted Mary Claire Mitchell and has learned that she has moved to Heber Springs.

Anita Sacrey suggested thank you cards be sent to Rex Avery, Lee Storey and Susan Alford.

We continued to try to make corrections to the church's directory.

6:44- New Business

Holy Week Services-

We are going to suggest that people attend Maundy Thursday services online with Trinity Cathedral.

We will have a Good Friday service on Zoom at 7 PM April 2nd.

Easter will be on Zoom at usual Sunday times.

When we resume in-person worship we will be using Facebook Live because of subscription requirements on You Tube. Rev. Bruno also told us about new recording equipment we can use once we begin broadcasting on Facebook Live. He also said that Facebook has an algorithm that could detect some of our hymns as copyright protected

and shut down the live feed. He said he was going to work with Judy Matthews on selecting Hymns that shouldn't trigger this.

Food Pantry-

Anita Sacrey said we have \$2,938 in our food pantry budget. Rev. Cook just purchased around \$300 of groceries from the food bank in Hot Springs. That should leave around \$2600 in the food pantry budget. Vestry members decided by consensus to suspend having perishable days at the pantry for a while so that we can stretch our budget further. By Anita Sacrey's estimate not having perishable days will make our money last 9 months as opposed to 6 months with perishables.

Selena Ellis informed us that the prayer mats damaged by rodents have been repaired.

Rev. Bruno stated that he will distribute communion wafers in the pews when in-person worship resumes.

Barbara Miller, our tenant at the RB house, has expressed a need for better stairs to her front door because she's been having problems getting in and out of the house, and has fallen a couple of times. She had a carpenter draw up some plans for stairs with a smaller rise between stairs and a landing in front of the door. The carpenter quoted the price of the work at \$1800 if he can do it in the next 30 days. Barbara has said she can come up with some of the money if she needs to. The vestry came to an agreement that we would offer \$1200, and see if Barbara can come up with the rest.

Motion: Chuck Messley, seconded by Ellen Gregan to contribute \$1200 towards new stairs on RB house.

There will be no childcare when in-person worship resumes because of difficulties with maintaining social distancing during child care and the children who usually attend our services are getting to an age where they're going to start sitting in the pews during the service.

Motion: Chuck Messley, seconded by Dawn Burger to adjourn.

Meeting Ends- 7:49