

**St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Vestry
April 23, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Vestry Members Present: Faith Cirre, Gibbs Reese, Becky Donovan, Rick Lotz, Gaylee Gillim, Cathy Sutton, Susanne Cramer, Amanda Harrity, George Wheeler, John Shelby, Matrid Ndife

Absent: Justin Klassen, Clara Klassen, Kevin Wardell, Judy Fischer

Others Present: Charles Halton, Edie Nixon, Treasurer

Clergy/Staff: The Rev. Kelly Kirby, Rector; The Rev. Benjamin Hart, Director of Congregational Life

Opening Prayer

The Rev. Kirby convened the meeting at 6:15 with an opening prayer.

Reading/reflection: Rick Lotz led the reflection.

Approval of March minutes: The March minutes were accepted as presented.

Financial Report: Edie Nixon presented the General Fund Budget Statement. She noted that we have received fewer pledges than we had budgeted at this point, but we expect to make them up later in the year. She is glad to have Sara Bailey as an assistant treasurer.

Edie also reviewed the Consolidating Balance Sheet, the Building Fund Balance Sheet, and the Outreach Expense Detail. Since it is the end of the quarter, Edie presented the Endowment Fund Balance Sheet.

Motion to accept the financial report subject to audit by Faith Cirre, second by George Wheeler. Motion passed.

Charles Halton Discernment Nomination: Kelly presented the recommendation of Charles Halton's discernment committee, which was a recommendation without reservation to continue in the discernment process. Kelly's recommendation was the same. Kelly shared the appropriate canons of the diocese and what our support of Charles would look like going forward. The Vestry was given a chance to ask Charles questions, and he answered them.

The Vestry agreed to give their support to Charles including, per Canon III.8.2:

- (1) Pledge to contribute financially to Charles' preparation
 - a. We pledge \$1000 to cover the cost of a psychological evaluation and a background check.

(2) Involve ourselves in Charles' preparation for ordination to the priesthood

Rick Lotz moved that the vestry of St. Matthew's approve the nomination of Charles Halton (following the wording of the resolution) second John Shelby. Motion passed unanimously.

Rummage Sale: Sara Bailey presented information about the upcoming rummage sale. There will be two different types of sale:

- (1) A rummage sale in Saints Hall
 - a. The funds raised here would go to support the outreach ministries
- (2) A "Junk in the Trunk" sale in the parking lot.
 - a. Sellers would pay a fee to have a spot in the parking lot to sell their wares, and then keep the money they raise.

There will be published drop-off times, as well as scheduled times to pick up items from people's homes. She went through the different types of items that we will accept.

There was a discussion about the sale. Members of the Vestry offered these suggestions:

- The importance of naming where the money will be going.
- Clothes could be a good seller
- Sports equipment
- Garden/yard supplies

Sara described the different volunteer jobs that will be needed for the sale. Sara is meeting with Charles Frank to discuss how we will advertise the sale, and Joanne Coleman about how we will process payments. Sara described how Vestry members could help.

Vestry Committee Liaison Reports

Buildings and Grounds: Rick Lotz reported on the recent meeting. They reviewed the long list of outstanding items that they have been working on. They have been completing items on the list as well as adding items. The largest expenses this year will be the soffit repair and carpeting in Clingman Chapel. There is something not working with the new HVAC systems that we are addressing with HMC.

Dimensions of Faith: The committee hasn't met since our last meeting, but Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove came as a Dimensions of Faith speaker. Some were disappointed in the lack of attendance of non-SMEC people at the Sunday night program. There was a discussion about how to better promote the events in other churches.

Outreach: Faith Cirre reported that the committee met today to discuss the outreach requests that were submitted this year. There are a number of requests that are Baptismal Ministries, that is ministries that are not asking for funding. There are seven ministries that are requesting funding for 2020. There are several new people that have joined the committee.

Planned Giving: George Wheeler presented about the meeting on March 26. Neville Blakemore spoke about planned giving at the services at 8 and 10 on April 7. Cathy Sutton spoke at the 5p service that day. Several new people have indicated that they have now included SMEC in their wills.

Stewardship: Cathy Sutton presented that our App is now available to be downloaded. This Sunday we will be presenting the App to the congregation and ask that they download it. The youth will be available at the 10a service to help those who need it. The next stewardship meeting is scheduled for May. Cathy has been discussing demographics of the church with Joanne and Kelly and is planning to write letters to different groups of people recognizing their contributions and making tailored requests for them to pledge. These letters will also include information about our expenses.

Evangelism Follow up: We will continue this conversation in May.

Rector's Report: Kelly reported on the three discernment processes. We have already spoken about Charles tonight. We don't know what the Bishop will say his next step will be. Dan Reid was recommended that he continue his discernment after he no longer works for the Roman Catholic Church. Garrett Puccetti finished his discernment with St. Matthew's. His reports have been submitted to the COM and Bishop.

Kelly spoke about where we are in the Colledgeville grant process. We are still in discernment. Our grant proposal will be made in June.

We have \$400 left from the Mission Funding grant. We have one piano left that we would like to get rid of. We will put it in the rummage sale.

Kelly met with Lee Fletcher about the archives. She will meet with Gibbs about where in the building more room could be made for them.

Easter attendance was up this year. We have been reviewing Holy Week and making our plans for next year. Next year we will point the passion Gospel so that the congregation can chant their response. We will continue to use the order of service for Palm Sunday that we used for two more years. We will use washcloths for the foot washing on Maundy Thursday next year. A hymn will be removed from Good Friday. Easter day will be about the same, but the Easter Egg hunts will be organized a little differently. Kelly desires that we have a donkey for Palm Sunday.

Senior Warden Report: Rick had nothing to add to his earlier comments.

Social Justice: Matrid reported that the Social Justice committee met for the first time. They decided that they need to meet more frequently to set up priorities that the committee wants to focus on. They discussed 7 pillars of society—a way of looking at

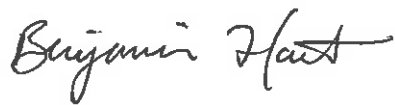
the forms that systemic inequality takes in society. The members of the committee that attended the anti-racism training have a desire for the church to have a common language to speak about social justice issues so that we can more clearly communicate among ourselves. Matrid shared a pastoral concern about a parishioner.

Theological Reflection: The Vestry reflected on where/when they found the Holy Spirit in the meeting, and how their work moved us closer to fulfilling our mission/goals.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Benjamin Hart

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benjamin Hart". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the printed name.