

**St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Vestry
June 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Vestry Members Present: Faith Cirre, Rick Lotz, Cathy Sutton, John Shelby, Kevin Wardell, Justin Klassen, Clara Klassen, Gaylee Gillim, Amanda Harrity, Matrid Ndife, Becky Donovan, George Wheeler

Others Present: Catharine Birch, observing

Absent: Gibbs Reese, Judy Fischer, Susanne Cramer

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:

Faith Cirre gave the reflection.

Approval of May minutes:

The minutes were accepted as presented.

Financial Report:

Kelly Kirby presented the financial report, highlighting where we are with pledges currently and recent painting expenditures on the office wing. Rick Lotz moved to accept the report, subject to audit; Kevin Wardell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

August 20 400th Anniversary of Slavery Liturgy:

Kelly Kirby informed the vestry that the diocese decided to follow the "40 Days of Prayer" book for the commemoration of the 400th anniversary of slavery, and to follow our own prayer book for liturgies.

Warden Reports:

Rick Lotz expressed gratitude to the parish's support while he was away sick.

Rector's Report:

Dean Ian Markham (Virginia Seminary) will be our spring Dimensions of Faith speaker. He will be here for a retreat, preach at all the Sunday services, and give a lecture. He is best known for writing accessible theology. We discussed the possibility of inviting Markham to conduct the vestry retreat during the Saturday morning of his visit, and reached consensus for Kelly to extend the invitation.

We discussed Bishop White's visit on Pentecost, and reflected on future discernment processes being held at St. Matthew's, especially for the diaconate.

Vestry Committee Liaison Reports

Buildings and Grounds:

Kevin Wardell informed us of ongoing smaller maintenance work on the grounds, as well as a few larger projects including carpet replacement in Clingman Hall and soffits on the office wing.

Dimensions of Faith:

The committee meets again in August.

Finance:

Has not met since our last meeting.

Outreach:

Ongoing conversations about which ministries to fund and at what levels. This year we are giving the outreach sub-fund of the endowment a break, which calls for thoughtful discernment about how to allocate limited resources. We brought in around \$3,000 from the rummage sale. Upcoming meeting June 30 to discuss specifics.

Planned Giving:

Has not met since our last meeting, one coming up early in the fall.

Social Justice:

Work ongoing in keeping parishioners informed about social issues and events to highlight for parishioners.

Stewardship:

Have increased number of downloads of the St. Matthew's app by a significant number since the committee's ^{Last} ~~next~~ meeting. Upcoming meeting in August. Preparations underway for the fall pledge campaign.

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 7:31p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Klassen

