

**St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Vestry
October 15, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Vestry Members Present: George Wheeler, Judy Fischer, Rick Lotz, Amanda Harrity, Justin Klassen, Clara Klassen, Becky Donovan, Gibbs Reese, Cathy Sutton, Gaylee Gillim, Faith Cirre, Susanne Cramer, Matrid Ndife

Others Present: Edie Nixon, Treasurer

Absent: Kevin Wardell, John Shelby

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

Opening Prayer:

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

Reading/reflection:

Gibbs Reese offered the reflection.

Approval of September minutes:

Minutes were accepted as corrected (Gaylee offered the point that the minutes from last meeting lack time of adjournment. They will be corrected to indicate that the meeting adjourned at 8:00).

Financial Report, 3rd Quarter Endowment Report:

Edie Nixon gave the financial report, which included news that several pledges have come in this month, which has rectified some of the budget gap for the year. Generally we are on target or very close to it with our budget projections for this year. As the balance sheet shows, our cash position is relatively strong. The SYB Loan is down to \$660K.

Gaylee Gillim moved to accept the financial report subject to audit. George Wheeler seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

2020 Budget:

Joanne Coleman presented the proposed 2020 parish budget. We are budgeting slightly less than last year's budget for giving, but more than last year's actual. Other notable changes include our rental income going up significantly. Health insurance costs are going up by approximately 10%, but we are still waiting on Humana for final figures. We had some discussion of a specific increase in music expenses. It is a balanced budget.

Outreach:

No meeting since our last vestry meeting, but we have received a lot of coats and winter gear to give away.

Planned Giving:

No meeting since our last vestry meeting.

Social Justice:

Has not met since our last vestry meeting, upcoming meeting November 17. Planning to invite the rector to a meeting of the committee, perhaps to have a conversation about how social justice is a calling.

Stewardship:

Stewardship campaign coming up. Letters have been sent out. Campaign ends on November 3, and then we will start doing follow-ups.

Warden Reports:

Rick Lotz made us aware of how busy this month has been for the clergy, work that often goes unseen by the general parish population.

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 8:05p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Klassen

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