

## **St Matthew Vestry Meeting**

**January 19, 2022**

Meeting was conducted via Zoom due to rising Covid numbers, called to order 6:30 by Mother Robin, present, Robin, Mary Ann, Roy, Cyn, Fran, Pam, Jocelyn, Lori and Anissa, absent, Janice, Mary and Nathan.

Robin indicated on emailed priest's report that she is phoning parishioners, has had requests for discretionary funds. We will be continuing to practice safe service practices issued by the Diocese. Also, Tina will be away for the next 3 Sundays, Jan 23, 30 and Feb 6.

Review of Decembers minutes Mary Ann notes that a correction needs to be made to reflect that the vestry signed the housing allotment tax form Mother Robin submitted.

No report from the treasurer for December.

Jr Warden, Roy reports that Dave Zartman is lining up contractors to start the bathroom project as he just received the building permit to start the project. He will let us know when we can start the demolition as we are looking for ways to curb the costs of this project coming from the Deacons fund. Anissa questioned about the snow removal and who is responsible for maintaining it after the paid crew has come through and done the initial snow removal as this past storm and subsequent thawing has left much ice on the pavements and parking lot. Roy will take care of these issues generally Sunday morning before folks arrive, ie. Spreading salt on icy surfaces but that anytime someone is at the church and notes it is a problem to take the time, if able, to correct the issue. Before Tuesdays Chic n waffle dinner Martha Bohner and I took care of it and purchased more salt as did Rick Kerstetter. For future winter seasons it should be determined if we have enough salt for icy conditions and have the church purchase it, this can be done at Coles Hardware as we have an account there for supplies needed. Roy reports that he is having surgery next week and will not be available for approximately 6 weeks. Fran and Cyn will do their best to complete anything that his duties would require him to complete.

Fran made a motion that a letter campaign is started to inform the congregation of the pending bathroom project and to request those who are willing to help defer costs by making a donation specifically to this project and to also include a pledge card Lori seconded all in favor that this needs to move forward, Fran and Connie Kistler will start that project asap.

Bylaws will have a special meeting on Wednesday March 23 at 5:30, it will be determined at a later date as to if it will be in person or done virtually. Per Fr Streeter we do not need to have the congregation vote or approve the updated bylaws as we already have bylaws, we are just bringing them up to date, but they do need to be voted on by the vestry and sent to the Diocese for the Chancellor to approve. Our goal is to have them available for the parish meeting that will be held outside the Sunday after the ECW has their spring auction which isn't on the calendar yet.

Meeting abruptly ended at 6:40 as a free Zoom session lasts only 40 minutes. Anissa has set up the Microsoft Team Meeting app and emailed the link to all for future use to replace Zoom.

Cyn texted the group earlier that she received a call from Patty Schwalm that they will no longer be providing flowers for Easter and Christmas, she called Nancy Shipman to inform her and they will be looking for another source. Nancy did indicate that palms are ordered for Palm Sunday through a different source.

Next meeting February 16, 2022 @ 5:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Reid, Clerk of the Vestry