

St Matthew Vestry Meeting

March 14, 2022

Meeting opened at 6pm with a prayer by Fran Z, attending, Sr Warden Mary Ann L, Jr Warden Roy C, Pam S, Anissa D, Lori F, Nathan B, Janice; absent Jocelyn S. Since Mother Robin Jarrel had resigned Sr Warden Mary Ann L will lead the meeting.

Minutes were approved of February 16 and March 6 meetings.

Jr Warden Roy C reports all is progressing in bathroom remodel, Fran states they plan on being done with that by the end of March. Richard Prigg has completed restoration of the small triangular stained-glass window that fell out above the altar on the south side, second payment was sent, final payment will be given upon installation by Mr Prigg. Still haven't heard anything about the insurance claim for this, Mary Ann will talk to Jocelyn regarding this.

Treasurer's report was emailed to vestry by Tom Culver, Lori F gave the shortened version of his report that we are continually showing a short fall of giving to expenses. Mother Robin's final discretionary disbursement was to send \$250 to Missionary in England to use for Ukraine. Pam moved; Fran seconded all approved...

Sr Warden Mary Ann reports that we adhered to the Diocese's Leaving Well Policy and that there are a few items that still need to be completed. She reports that Nathan B is working with the website server for our site as it still reflects Robin as priest in charge. Evidently there is a fee owed yearly to the website host of \$150 per year for years 2021 and 22, prior to this they were paid by Mother Robin. Asked them, SEDA-COG, to send all requests to the church address. Discussion held about speaking to the Diocese about availability of free web page and what we would need as equipment to continue to live stream services as Robin had bought the items we were using and took them with her upon leaving. Mary Ann will contact Carolyn Patterson at the Diocese for that information since we upgraded our internet for the purpose of live streaming to those who couldn't be in church physically due to Covid restrictions. Anissa moved; Janice seconded all

approved to pay the \$300 for server fee. Until we make arrangements to start this process again Anissa will remove live-stream references on Facebook page.

Mary Ann requested Robin provide us with a photo of her in her vestments to hang on rectors' photo wall.

Tom C and Carla T completed the Parochial report that was due 3/1/22 and submitted 3/4/22.

Bishop Scanlan will be visiting/serving us on 4/3/22 at 10:00 service to be followed by a special coffee hour, Cynthia will organize. Bishop asked if we had any candidates for confirmation/reception/baptism; we have none that have had any instruction and will not try to get something together before her visit. Mary Ann will work with others to gather all required information that is to be submitted by 3/21/22 to the bishop's staff before her visit.

Canon Streeter advised that the Diocese Chancellors have approved our up-dated by-laws and did not recommend any changes.

It is now the church secretary's responsibility to order the Forward Day by Day booklets, 10 lg and 10 reg print to be shipped to her home.

Currently we have received 3 memorial contributions for Peggy Birdsall.

Covid numbers have decreased, and the county is currently in the yellow phase, received notification from Diocese that many restrictive guidelines have been lifted and we may proceed with caution our normal activities. We will ask if the men are willing to do a Mother's Day breakfast on May 8 before the 10am service. Anissa moved; Roy seconded all approved.

New Business: Discretionary Fund disbursements, a new signature card of three people will need to be updated, Mary Ann will have Carla type up a letter on church stationary for the new signees to present to Truist Bank place their signatures on file, Lori F, Tom C and Nathan B.

A new fire extinguisher is needed in the remodeled choir area, will have Carla T reach out to Peifers' to provide us with one when they reschedule to come and service the currently in place ones.

Roy C has supply priests lined up for services until after Holy Week, 4/17/22, after that we agree that whenever he can find anyone willing to come as summer approaches, they are in higher demand for vacationing folks' coverage. Roy will advise Carla of mileage plus \$150 for conducting service and she will coordinate securing payment/check. We will conduct morning prayer on Sundays we have no coverage. Roy will work with Anissa to line up readers for Sundays and with Mitzie for Altar Guild direction. We discussed that during Lent we will use Rite I; process into the church in silence and have no recessional hymn as this was prior practice. Anissa asked if we couldn't have the lectionary book placed back in the lectern instead of just a piece of paper with the readings printed on them, all agree this should take place.

Carla will continue to pull readings from site then work with priest to finalize and hymns from Tina. When Tina is not available to play the organ, we need to try to get coverage to play at the least the piano, currently Fran has Joanne Klinedinst playing on March 27, 2022. We would like to find another person to fill in when Tina isn't here as Joanne lives in the Philadelphia area.

Pastoral Care: Sarah Weedon from St Andrew in Lewisburg or Paul Donecker from All Saints in Selinsgrove are available for anyone who has this need. Mary Ann requests that we all work together to let her know if there is a need somewhere and she will contact them. Mary Ann will make contact George Turner who is now a licensed Lay Eucharist Minister and can act on our behalf; to let him know we are wanting to use him when needed.

Rector Search: this vestry has chosen to use the non-traditional style of search that Canon Streeter discussed with us at the 3/6 meeting; the Diocese will help us with looking at candidate and not recommending someone that would not be a good fit. We also chose to have vestry act as the search committee for this process. We discussed that we would invite Veronica Chappell; Diocesan Consultant to the search process, to serve as supply priest on 4/24/22 and meet after coffee hour to create a survey form for the congregation as to what they wish to see in the next parish priest we choose.

Date for annual meeting is May 15, 2022; we have 3 vestry members that must go off as they have served 2 consecutive 2-year terms, Mary Newcomb, Janice Flory and Lori Fazzini; there are 3 whose 2-year term is up, and they need to be asked if

they will run for the next 2-year term, Frances Zartman, Cynthia Reid and Jocelyn Schlegel. Pam S and Mary Ann are the nominating committee; also, will need to vote for Convention delegates. This request will be printed in the bulletin and posted on our website. At this meeting we will distribute the up-dated by-laws with a question and comment period before vestry votes to approve.

All agree with Canon Streeters suggestion that we keep the budget as approved for 2022.

Fran Z moved that we need to start paying our full fair share to the diocese since we were only paying half or it, Lori seconded, approved.

We agreed to place an ad in the Daily Item to advertise our Holy Week services, \$87.50 for 3 runs, deadline 3/21/22, if we can place it in the ad note we will have an egg hunt after 10:00 Easter service.

Cynthia moved that we have the 2 carillon systems in the altar guild closet removed and recycled as they no longer work or repairable, Pam seconded, approved.

Mary Ann will be contacting the chair people on the Lay-Ministers list to confirm they are still interested any changes needed, have Carla make copies. Nathan will place on our website when accomplished. It was suggested that we present this list to the parish at the annual meeting to get more involvement from them.

Respectfully,

Cynthia Reid, Clerk of the Vestry