St. Matthew Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2015

Present: Terry Elofson, Senior Warden, Sueann Goretti, Junior Warden, Sherry Hartley, Jon Kuniyoshi Liz Latsis, Marcie Neuman, Fred Vogel, Sandy Goretti, Clerk.

By telephone: Mark Lepkowski.

Absent: Fr. Kendall Haynes, Samuel Kamau and Frank Blacker, Treasurer.

Call to order: Terry called the Vestry meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

1. **Opening Prayers:** Liz led the Vestry in an opening prayer.

2. **Welcome new Vestry member:** The Vestry welcomes new member, Sherry Hartley.

3. **Accuracy Review and Approval of the July 7, 2015 Minutes:** MSP to approve the minutes as written.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** In Frank's absence, Terry explained the financials. The approved motions for access to the savings accounts were sent to the Diocese. We didn't need to dip into those accounts.

   Budget pledges went from 51 last year to 54 this year.

5. **Parish Life Committee Report:** We will meet August 22 from 9 a.m. to noon to discuss programs for the coming year.

6. **Jr. Warden's Report:** Sueann reported that the note cards have arrived. The Auction Committee would like to send out thank you cards as donations come in.

7. **Senior Warden's Report:** Terry has been in contact with the Diocese about the process of hiring a rector.

   Feedback from the Stewardship dinners was mostly positive. A letter will be sent to the people who weren't able to attend a dinner.

   Priest's Report: Kendall is on vacation and the Vestry has his permission to have this meeting.

8. **Misc:**
   a. **Bishop's Initiative Grant:** Haven't heard back from the Diocese.

b. **Auction:** Letters are going out to the parish explaining about the auction.

c. **St. Matthew's Day, September 27:** Invitations will be sent out to former members and friends of the parish.

d. **Other events for the Fall: A** Health Fair and a disaster emergency training program are in the works for fall.

   On August 30 Fr. Dale Johnson will be here to discuss a project called "Seeds of Hope."

e. **Tasks for the Vestry in the fall:** Start working on the Mutual Ministry Review and the Budget Task Force.

9. Executive Session: We are now in Executive Session.

MSP to go forward confidently with hiring a full-time Rector.

MSP unanimously to offer Fr. Kendall the position of full-time Rector of St. Matthew.

MSP to close the Executive Sesssion.

10. Closing Prayer: The Vestry said the Lord's Prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

The next Vestry meeting will be September 1 at 7 p.m.

Submitted by Sandy Goretti, clerk of the Vestry.