

St. Matthew Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2014

Present: Fr. Kendall Haynes, Tom Peterson, Senior Warden, Sueann Goretti, Junior Warden, John Kennedy, Kate Gould, Anna Jackson, Jon Kuniyoshi, Liz Latsis, Kitty Walker, Art Ladley, Treasurer, Sandy Goretti, Clerk.

Absent: Moses Chege.

Call to order: Sr. Warden Tom Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. **Opening Prayers:** Tom led the Vestry in an opening prayer.
2. **Accuracy Review and Approval of Minutes for April:** MSP to approve the April meeting minutes as amended.
3. **Memorial Garden Report:** Jackie Whorton reported on the status of the memorial garden. There is \$1,475 in the fund. More plantings are needed to create a wall around the garden. This will help make the garden more quiet and peaceful. Eventually, a policy will be written explaining how the interment of ashes works.

Vacation Bible School: Volunteers are needed to take charge of VBC. Jackie, Kitty, and Ann are willing to help, but they are unable to do run it.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Art gave a report on the April financials.
5. **Parish Life Committee Report:** The request for feedback of the Easter Vigil brought a wide variety of responses. Very thoughtful comments.

Kitty reported that the Liturgy and Arts paid more for a pianist because of the holidays and funerals.

Sueann will be writing thank-you notes to people who signed the guest book at the Easter Vigil. 6 or so wanted to be added to our mailing list.

The Friday movie night was well attended and went well.

The bell choir put on a wonderful concert. It was well attended.

6. **Junior Warden's Report:** Members of the Vestry will be attending a seminar at St. Andrews, Tacoma.

Linda and Danielle Pomeroy- Hull have joined the Marketing and Evangelism Committee and are working on t-shirts and a new-member pamphlet.

7. **Senior Warden's Report:** Cathedral Day will be Saturday May 17. Jon and Kat Kuniyoshi will be confirmed that day.

May 15-18 Beth Lepkowski and Bud Nalder will be attending Cursillo at St. Davids in Shelton.

A wedding tea for Beth Lepkowski will be held on May 10 in the parish hall.

June 13 at 6 p.m. Rely For Life begins: Do we want to get involved this year? Ask the Outreach Committee if someone wants totake it on.

MSP to elect Pete Stanton Priest Emeritus of St. Matthew Church.

8. **Priest's Report:** The Stanton funeral will be on Thursday May 8 at the BPIC. Adults, peers and young people will be available for prayer and support.
9. **Misc.:** The AT&T tower: Anna talked to the Diocesan attorney and learned that we need to get permission from the Bishop to allow a tower to be put up. The contract needs to be reviewed by a standing committee.

Discernment: We need a committee to make a profile of how we describe ourselves. For example: Why does St. Matthew exist? What arethe characteristics we are looking for in a priest?

Kendall gave approval for the Vestry to meet in June when he is in Spain.

May 29 is Ascension Day. We will have a dinner before the Liturgy.

MSP to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

Closing prayer: The Vestry recited the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Sandy Goretti, Clerk of the Vestry