

Vestry Meeting June 17, 2018

Present: Sally Sturges, Sally Newton, Jackie Jones, Tim Hills and Father Foster Mays.

Tim Hills offered the devotional to begin the meeting. Sally Sturges will offer the devotional at the July meeting.

The Vestry did a check-in with members about what is going on in their lives.

May minutes were reviewed and accepted. Sally Sturges made a motion to accept and Jackie Jones seconded. Passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's report was handed out and reviewed. Treasurer's report was received by the Vestry.

In old business, painting of the exterior of the church was completed by Charlie Stettler except for the crosses on the roof which will be done in the future. There was no new report on the sound system or carpet stretching. A draft of the Disaster Preparedness Plan draft was circulated among the Vestry by email. Everything was in order with the exception of a graphic of the church layout to be added at some future point. Father Foster reported that a Quitclaim Deed to correct the titleholder for St. Matthew's has been prepared and will go to the Council of Trustees at their June meeting to request authority to sign and record the Deed on behalf of the Diocese. On the topic of attendance, Father Foster is planning to follow up with the congregants he sent letters to. He will have a discussion as to why they are not attending church in an effort to help the Vestry understand and increase attendance. A welcome basket was taken to Jayson and Krysten Stettler who have moved to Sedan.

In new business, JD Rector spoke to the Vestry about the need to improve the sound system in the church. Linda Mays spoke about an opportunity to help the kids at Sedan school. Funding has been cut for after-school reading and enrichment programs. Linda gave the Vestry 4 options for helping fund a new program. With the help of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas Alleluia Grant which could award up to \$3,000.00, Epiphany would have to commit to matching the grant award. It is anticipated that about \$1,200.00 of a grant to the United Methodist Church of Sedan will be available for matching funds with the remainder to come from Epiphany. After discussion Tim Hills moved that Epiphany contribute the balance of the matching funds, which are estimated to be about \$1,800.00. Jackie seconded, motion passed unanimously. There was a conversation in Executive Session about a future lease of the rental house. Sally Newton updated the Vestry on Father Marcus Cunningham's cancer diagnosis. Father Foster will announce next Sunday the opportunity for parishioners to make a donation to the Cunninghams. The donations will be collected and sent to the Cunninghams from Epiphany's Rector's Discretionary Fund.

Father Foster shared upcoming dates. The next Vestry meeting is July 15, 2018. The meeting was concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Newton  
Clerk