

**St. Matthew's Church  
Vestry Meeting  
September 15, 2015**

The meeting began in the Chapel with a discussion of this week's Gospel.

**Attending:** Rev. Kevin Lloyd; James Breakall, Senior Warden; Bob Bauer, Junior Warden; John Flinton, Treasurer; Karen Murray, Sally Schott, Peter Elsworth, Jason Black, Laura Clarke

**Unable to attend:** Amy Smith, George Cadwalader

**Old Business:**

Motion was made to approve the June minutes (J. Flinton), seconded, and passed unanimously. Motion was made to approve the July minutes (P. Elsworth), seconded, and passed unanimously.

**Rector 's Report:**

Five organ companies were invited to bid on repair work for existing organ. Three companies responded, and there are currently 3 bids for repairs, at a minimum of \$45,000. A new organ would cost \$500,000. Discussions were begun with Rogers Organ, and Allen Organ, which have digital organs. Kevin and Music Director Sherry Newman will explore the feasibility of that by visiting a church in Foxboro, Massachusetts that has one. If a digital organ is the preferred choice, the cost would be around \$35,000.

The online survey about changing service time to enable Adult Formation to take place between services brought some willingness to change, but not a strong enough majority to go forward at this time. More opportunities will be offered for adult formation and the Vestry will continue to explore creative ways to work in opportunities after the 10:00 service and at other times.

There is an upcoming Psalm Workshop on October 18 at 1:00 - 3:00pm.

Annual Pledge Campaign will kick-off in October. Kevin will provide spiritual/theological context, and lay leadership will address the practical financial realities. Vestry will provide phone follow up. The possibility of offering St. Matt's shirt for online pledges was discussed.

**Senior Warden's Report:**

Jim has started forming the Planned Giving Task Force. He has recruited two members to the task force so far: John Williamson and Martin Hellewell.

Jim requested that the office administrator send financial reports directly to Vestry members.

**Financial Report:**

John Flinton referred to financial statements sent to Vestry prior to the meeting. He reported some success from the letter sent noting what each parishioner has paid towards Capital Campaign. Diocesan loan has balance of \$5000 which will be paid off by the end of the year. Still balance of \$65,000 from investment account. See printed reports. Church Sale +\$14000.

Thrift Shop currently netting \$500-\$600 Tuesday and Saturday, Thursday averaging \$100. Motion was made to approve the financials (P. Elsworth), seconded, and passed unanimously.

**Junior Warden Report:**

Bob and Bob Horan repaired the Thrift Shop door. Currently repairs are planned for some of the inside railings, particularly the ones around the stairwell leading from church to Sunday School area. Bob will also be seeking professional opinions on the steps and cement pad over the Thrift Shop door.

**Next meeting - Tuesday, October 20, 2015.** Motion to adjourn by Jim Breakell at 8:30pm. Seconded and approved.