

ST. MATTHEWS CHURCH, JAMESTOWN

VESTRY MINUTES

August 26, 2014

In attendance: Father Kevin Lloyd, Ron Black - Sr. Warden, Bob Bauer – Jr. Warden, Peter Elsworth - Clerk, Jason Black, Laura Clark, Tracy Correll, John Williamson.

Absent: John Flinton, Sally Schott, Amy Smith.

Father Kevin led a period of reflective Bible study focused on the reading of Romans 12:14-21

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the June meeting were approved.

RECTOR'S REPORT – Fr. Kevin Lloyd

Father Kevin things were getting busy as the summer was winding down and the school year about to start.

He said a letter would be sent out at the end of the week noting the start of the third and final year of the capital campaign. He said of the \$226,000 pledged, \$140,000 had been received to date, leaving \$86,000 which he said was “not bad.” He noted a couple of big pledges that had not yet been paid but will be.

He said the church currently owed \$21,000 to the Diocese and \$65,000 to the endowment which will be paid off assuming all the pledges are fulfilled.

Father Kevin said the church would also be reaching out to people outside the St Matthews community with the help of parishioner Donna Neville who has experience in raising money. He cited piano concerts and other uses for the church space.

He also talked about the upcoming annual pledge campaign and cited The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS) with its theme of Walking the Way of Christ individualized for each parish.

He said the campaign would start sooner – the first Sunday in October.

Father Kevin also noted this year's confirmation class which could number 10-12. He said he was waiting for confirmation of the date of the Bishop's visitation before moving ahead with an announcement.

There was discussion about the Memorial Garden, with agreement to raise the fee for a plot which is currently \$200. Other parishes charge \$400-\$500, it was noted. Also noted were the costs of materials for the upkeep, such as tools and mulch. There was no resolution on the subject.

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT – Ron Black

Ron reported he met regularly with Susan and Bob and everything seemed to be working well.

He said Coffee had been on vacation from the Thrift Store, but Bob and Jason had helped out.

JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT – Bob Bauer

Bob reported installation of the generator at the Rectory had started and the sump had been installed.

He also note new lines painted in the parking lot and regretfully reported the handicap signs had already been stolen. It was agreed to paint the handicap signs on the tarmac.

With the heating season coming up, he said a number of radiator leaks would have to be fixed and the boiler's circulator pump replaced for \$3,000 to \$4,000.

OTHER BUSINESS

With Treasurer John Flinton absent, there was no report. However, Father Kevin said preliminary numbers indicated an impressive \$15,000 in profit from the Summer Fair.

He also noted the choir wanting to host a Christmas bazaar.

And Amy Smith's report on Parish Hospitality was noted but there was limited discussion pending her attendance at the next Vestry meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next Vestry meeting will take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 16.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Elsworth, Clerk