

# ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

January 26, 2020

9:30 am

1. OPENING PRAYER AND CALL TO ORDER: Mother Liz Hendrick

9:35 prayer – mother Liz

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA – Sam Renfro

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Motion: Jay Jones

Second: Sylvia Campbell

Passed

Reminder to turn in Votes for Vestry Members

~~3. APPROVAL OF THE 2019 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES~~

4. APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS

Althea Benton, Mark Franke, Kim Williamson

Althea rolling off vestry- teller,

Mark Franke, rolling off – teller

Kim Williamson staying – teller

Review nominees for Vestry

a.

5. ELECTION OF FIVE VESTRY MEMBERS

6. A WORD FROM THE RECTOR: Mother Liz Hendrick

a. 2019 hardest year thus far, St. Matt's showed up, gratitude for the support

b. Thanks to Wardens and Vestry

c. Began in Transition – hired Associate Priest, hit the ground running – Thanks and gratitude

- d. Thanks to Holly Bond, John Byron, Mara DiGiovanni – Youth
- e. Thanks to Christian Ed Team – thanks Amanda, Crystal, Elizabeth
- f. Invitational Ministry goal of 2020; opportunities to connect, create space for new members find a home, WE ARE the Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement
- g. Call to serve, “there is a lot of work to do, JOIN IN and LET THE ADVENTURE CONTINUE”

7. STATE OF THE CHURCH ADDRESS: Samantha Renfro, Senior Warden

Sam Renfro – it’s been an honor and pleasure to serve as your Sr. Warden

Looking forward to this New Year. We had our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary this past year, Bishop Wright coming to speak with us, welcoming Father Tommy & Debbie, 9<sup>th</sup> annual car show- most successful yet!

John Byron – junior warden

Brotherhood thank you for our new Pavilion, Building & Grounds faced challenges with the roof which we were able to have replaced

Youth Workdays really made an impact – thank you to Youth volunteers including Kelsey Chapman, Holly Bond, and Amanda Livermont

We also got a visit from the Fire Marshall; St. Matthew’s will continue to work to maintain compliance

Overall a very good year for business and grounds

March 28<sup>th</sup> will be our next Parish Workday

8. REPORT FROM: Father Tommy Matthews

In reviewing my report, I can’t believe it’s been four months – which is a good thing. Honored to be here and work with you all and Mother Liz. Observations this Parish is poised to take off – And that is REALLY exciting!

Debbie and I have been blessed by your love and generosity – thank you for welcoming us. We look forward to what God is going to be doing in this place.

9. PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE – Long Range Planning

Katherine Reynolds

Members recognized: Carol, Judith, Nancy Drury,

We often hear that we need to grow St. Matthews which may not mean just Numbers, but growing ourselves, our communities, and our Impact.

We are working with the diocese to try to develop a new action plan to get the most out of our ministries.

We'll leave you with a little teaser: squishy stress animals

#### 10. TREASURER'S REPORT: Financial state of the Parish - Chuck Marsh

Chuck Marsh – treasurer

Our Financial Situation as we finish the year

On page one – the summary – our STRENGTH is how much cash we had left in the bank at the end of the year,

The Problem that we have is our giving is DECLINING

Page 9 Restricted funds are reserved for a specific purpose –

Question: Bernie Waller – other restricted has \$5,000 – it's from a company that wants to buy out our lease on our copier – in and out - =\$0

Mark Allen – please announce we are no longer using pay pal, please use Realm

Pam Denton – how will that impact for car show? = no impact

#### 11. PRESENTATION OF THE 2020 BUDGET: Mark DiGiovanni

Please refer to the print out of the budget

Please note that in order to meet 2020 operating expenses, operating revenue must increase 15% from 2019

Please notice that congregational life is only 3.25% of the  
88% of our budget is predetermined contracts

11.2 % involves congregational Life outreach and supplies

Katie Robinson – PLEASE KEEP BUYING TOILET PAPER

Median household income 74,349 – 17.4% increase

11.8% increase in actual giving to St. Matts

2014 we gave 3.98%,

2019 we gave 2.98%

Expenses are going up (including the hiring of Father Tommy)

Giving has decreased, but we can do this

As a financial planner - I encourage you to review your finances to find the leaks in your bucket where money is going? I propose the 1% challenge

- Take a close look at ALL your spending
- Find unnecessary spending totaling 1% of your income
- Eliminate that spending (Mark will be giving out pointers)
- Give the savings to St. Matthew's
- To make it work – GIVE FIRST, then find where it's coming from.

“Generosity is what God wants for you not from you”

Holly Bond – is the decrease in giving related to the decrease in attendance or are there other factors?

Bret – two fold – we have lost some members as well as a decline in the amount being given

Val Briggs – please confirm the 26 is for the number of giving families

Willimena Wilson – what's the turnaround on the 1% challenge, do I do this for a month, 6 months or a year?

Mark – review overall – how much are you spending each week/month on fast food, gym membership, credit cards. Maybe I only watch 12 out of my 180 cable channels, Change filters in A/C. Look for little ways to save.

Taking care of all the gifts God has entrusted us with

Bank all you can save all you can give all you can.

## 12. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION RESULTS

Sam Renfro:

John Eberhart, Joan Kengla, Judith Kimsey, Debbie Stallings, Karen Wilson

### 13. CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT – mother Liz

Closed at: 10:23

Running in the background are pictures of activities from the various ministries