

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
MINUTES OF VESTRY  
November 19, 2012

The Vestry of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Benton, Arkansas, met in regular session in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, November 19, 2012 at 7:00 PM. Present were: Chris Ellis, Junior Warden; Allison Nolley, Susan Alford, Glen Poteet, Selena Ellis, and the Rev. Lorrie Slaymaker, Vicar. Also present was Dawn Leslie, Secretary; Melinda Hood, Treasurer and James Maddocks, church member.

The Vicar called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Evening prayer was led by Chris Ellis.

The October minutes were submitted by Glen Poteet. Selena Ellis moved to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Chris Ellis. The motion carried unanimously.

The Financial Report for October was presented by Melinda Hood. Chris Ellis moved to approve the financial report as presented, Nolley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Attendance presented.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Discussed the annual Sharing the Bounty pledge. Chris Ellis moved to accept the plan to pledge 10% of projected pledges and plate as determined by Treasurer Melinda Hood and Rev. Lorrie Slaymaker, and seconded by Alford. Motion carried unanimously.

The Web Page Design and Child Safety Policies are still in need of work at this time.

Bishop's visitation to St. Matthew's is scheduled for March 3, 2013.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The sign campaign has raised \$3275 to date with a donation of \$500 from the ECW.

The 2012 Audit is completed.

Vestry nominations at this time are: Bucky Ellis and Randy Henderson.

Outreach funds: Nolley requested an online vote once funds are determined. Suggested recipients include: Co John, Rice Depot, Sandy Relief through the Episcopal Relief and Development, and the diocese to assist in building churches.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2013.

The Vestry Retreat is scheduled for February 9, 2013.

Diocesan Convention will be held in Little Rock on February 22 and 23, 2013. Delegates will be Fanny Jones and Chris Ellis. Alternates will be Bucky Ellis and Selena Ellis.

**Vicar's Report:**

The Vicar will be on vacation the week of Thanksgiving, November 20-24.

**Senior Warden:**

Nothing new to report at this time.

**Junior Warden:**

The RB House continues to need repair of the front step and door knob.

Fellowship Hall has rotting boards due to water drainage issues.

Completed projects include: ECW memorial trees planted, repair to the men's room ceiling and the classroom ceiling, replacement of fascia boards on Vicarage, exterior paint to the rear of house and car port at Vicarage, and re-roofing of Vicarage, and Stump removal.

**ECW:**

No report at present.

**CDC:**

Cookbooks are completed and for sale. 18 have been sold at the time of the Vestry meeting.

St. Matthew's Market will be planned for May.

Participation in the Christmas Parade is planned for December 4<sup>th</sup>.

The CDC will present the Gargoyle Awards at the Annual Meeting on January 20.

Calendar Reviewed. Greening of the church scheduled for December 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dawn S. Leslie  
Vestry Secretary