

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
MINUTES OF VESTRY
January 18, 2011

The Vestry of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Benton, Arkansas, met in regular session in the church library on January 18, 2011 at 7:10 PM. Present were Margo Walden, Susan Benzick, Melinda Hancock, Glen Poteet, and the Rev. Lorrie Slaymaker, Vicar. Also present were Dawn Leslie, Secretary and Melinda Hood, Treasurer.

The Vicar opened the meeting with prayer.

The December minutes were submitted and Benzick moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Hancock. The motion carried unanimously.

The Financial Report for December was submitted by Melinda Hood. Walden moved to accept the report as presented, seconded by Poteet. The motion carried unanimously.

The Vicar presented some attendance graphs for review and discussion regarding changes, trends, and perceptions.

NEW BUSINESS

Melinda Hood presented that the RB House is ready for renter. The Gas/Water will be included in rental and the electricity is separate. Monthly cost of rental is \$600-650. Remaining issues: Get with Bucky Ellis regarding rental agreement, Blinds up, and Armoire placed in property.

All vestry reports are now available in PDF format at www.stmatthewsar.org/vestryreports

Shrove Tuesday is scheduled for March 8. The Vestry decided to do a Cajun meal this evening. Diane Schwab will make Red, Beans and Rice, Randy Henderson will be asked to create a Cajun dish, Melinda Hancock will bring bread, Selena will be asked to bring salad, Daniel Leslie will bring beer, and Lorrie will try to see who is supposed to bring the King Cake.

As of now, CCCD will be Tuesday nights in February.

Lorrie led discussion regarding Prayers of the People and how the vestry felt about listing people in prayer and their significance to church members. The consensus was that everyone liked the link to the church member and it should continue.

The ECW will be taking sponsorship of the Boot Sale.

Junior Warden Report:

The Shed construction is still on hold.

OLD BUSINESS:

Christmas garland replacement on hold.

Annual meeting and Sojourners dinner planned for January 30, 2011.

Chili Cook-off for Habitat for Humanity is planned for February 4, 2011.

Vestry retreat planned for February 12, 2011 at Susan Benzick's home. Menu recommended was soup, bread bowls, and salad.

Diocesan Convention March 11-12 in Little Rock: Delegates 1)Fanny Jones 2)Margo Walden and Alternates 1) Chris Ellis 2)Melinda Hancock

Calendar events were reviewed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn S. Leslie
Vestry Secretary