

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
MINUTES OF VESTRY
January 13, 2014

The Vestry of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Benton, Arkansas, met in regular session in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, January 13, 2014 at 6:00 PM. Present were: Fanny Neely, Senior Warden; Allison Nolley; George Ellis; Ellen Gregan; Amy Sullens and the Rev. Lorrie Slaymaker, Vicar. Also present was Dawn Leslie, Secretary and Melinda Hood, Treasurer.

The Vicar called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and Fanny Neely led evening prayer.

The December minutes were submitted by Allison Nolley. George Ellis moved to accept the minutes as presented which was seconded by Gregan. Motion carried unanimously.

The Financial Report for December was submitted by Melinda Hood. Neely moved to accept the financial report with the correction to pay the balance of our diocese pledge commitment (\$764), George Ellis seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Attendance reviewed with an observation that Christmas attendance was down compared to previous years.

NEW BUSINESS

There was discussion regarding vestry candidates for 2 vacant seats.

Vicar's compensation budget was presented and discussed.

Senior Warden, Neely, suggested a clean-up day to remove leaves from the grounds. There was also discussion regarding the need for new carpet at the church entry.

Calendar reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS

Upcoming Annual Meeting discussed. Allison Nolley will be replacing Melinda Hood as treasurer of the vestry and book keeper for St. Matthew's.

Dates, locations and suggestions for the vestry retreat discussed.

No new information on burial property being donated.

Some vestry members continue to need to complete the Safe Guarding Children modules.

Parishioner, Cameron Mann continues to need transportation to Sunday worship services.

Vicar's Report:

Vicar will be gone January 20-27 to Oaxaca.

Senior Warden:

Nothing new to report.

Junior Warden:

Sink pipe repaired and door knob at back entrance of church repaired.

ECW:

There was no meeting in January due to ice threat.

CDC:

There will be new members invited to join in order to bring some new ideas into the committee.

Altar Guild:

No new report.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn S. Leslie
Vestry Secretary