

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

MINUTES OF VESTRY

December 17, 2012

The Vestry of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Benton, AR, met in regular session in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, December 17, 2012 at 7:00 PM. Present were Susan Alford, Selena Ellis, Allison Nolley, and Glen Poteet; Fanny Jones, Senior Warden; Chris Ellis, Junior Warden; and the Rev. Lorrie Slaymaker, Vicar. Also present was Melinda Hood, treasurer.

The Vicar called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the group in Evening Prayer.

Chris Ellis made a motion to amend the November minutes to reflect that the Vestry discussed the annual Tithe to the Diocese rather than the Sharing the Bounty pledge. Fanny Jones seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The November finance statement was presented by Melinda Hood. Fanny Jones made a motion to accept the statement. Glen Poteet seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Hood also presented the 2013 budget. Chris Ellis made a motion to accept the budget, and Fanny Jones seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Hood reported that we have \$400 in our outreach funds that needed to be distributed. After some discussion, it was decided that \$200 will be given to the general funds of Episcopal Relief and Development with a note that we would prefer that the money be used to help the relief efforts of Hurricane Sandy. Another \$200 will be given to the Rice Depot. Fanny Jones made a motion to accept these recommendations; Glen Poteet seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Hood also reported that we have money to give the Vicar a bonus. Fanny Jones made a motion that a bonus of \$8,000 be given. The motion was seconded by Chris Ellis. All were in favor.

Vicar's Housing Allowance 2013 – the Vicar has asked for an allowance of \$6,500 which is the same amount that was given last year. Chris Ellis made a motion to give the requested amount; Susan Alford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Attendance - The Vicar reported that Sunday attendance has been down a little, although it was up on Dec. 16th.

Prayer Inquiries – The first 3 months of the year are covered for prayer calls. Lorrie will redo the list for the rest of the year.

January – Chris Ellis

February – Allison Nolley

March – Fanny Jones

Christmas Eve – Services will be held at 5:00 and 10:00. Because Virginia will not be here, Lorrie will ask JoAnna Tanner to play the organ.

Nominations Committee – Randy Henderson, Bucky Ellis, and Amy Sullins have been nominated to serve on the Vestry. *AMENDMENT* Through email, the Vicar reported to the Vestry that Randy Henderson has withdrawn his name for nomination. She recommended that the nominations committee contact Tom or Linda Mahoney, Jon or Paula Meyer, Ellen Gregan, or Deb Hansen. She also asked for any other recommendations from the vestry. Selena Ellis said that she already asked Paula and Deb; both had declined the nomination. Selena offered to call Linda and Ellen. Ellen Gregan accepted the nomination.

Annual meeting will be held on January 20th followed by the Gargoyle Awards.

The Vestry Retreat will be held on February 9th.

Vicar's Report

The Vicar will be gone December 30 (after church) to January 5.

Junior Warden Report

Chris reported that some work needs to be done on the East side of the church. He is working to find the materials that are needed for the repairs.

ECW

No report at this time.

CDC

A donation of \$150 will be given to the ECW in honor of Steve, Sarah, and Andrew Linder for all of the work that they did on the cookbooks. The money will be given to their outreach funds.

Habitat for Humanity

Selena Ellis reported that the Soup Cook-Off will be on Friday, February 1st. JoAnn Mesley is in charge this year.

Fanny Jones will be gathering annual reports.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allison Nolley