

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
MINUTES OF VESTRY  
August 26, 2014

The Vestry of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Benton, Arkansas, met in regular session in the Church Library on Tuesday, August 26, 2014 at 6:00 PM. Present were: George Ellis; Ellen Gregan; Debbie Hansen, Allison Nolley, Amy Sullens, Melinda Hood and the Rev. Lorrie Slaymaker, Vicar. Also present was Dawn Leslie, Secretary.

The Vicar called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

The July minutes were submitted by Dawn Leslie. Ellis moved to accept the minutes as presented which was seconded by Nolley. Motion carried unanimously.

The Financial Report for July was submitted by Melinda Hood. It was clarified that Rev. Slaymaker's June Salary was paid on July 2 and would be reflected in the July numbers and that the diocese missed payments have been made current. Nolley moved to accept the financial report as submitted which was seconded by Gregan and the motion passed unanimously.

Attendance report reviewed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The bid for floor repair of the vicarage, which included demolishing the vinyl and carpet in the kitchen, bedroom and den and fix subflooring, came in for \$3375.00. The diocese would pay 20% and roll the remaining balancing into our current air-conditioning loan. It was decided that we should seek a second bid for the renovation. A motion was made by Ellis to accept the renovation plan and to perform the renovation with the lowest bid and accept the diocese assistance with the loan support. This motion was seconded by Hansen.

Stewardship committee is continuing to seek new members.

No current update on procuring an electronic sign. It was previously discussed that we should seek new bids in order to attempt to complete the purchase. We did receive an additional donation of \$250 to the project.

Ellis presented 2 bids for tree removal. Ellis will contact the diocese regarding funding assistance in completing the project.

The next vestry meeting will be Monday, September 22, 2014.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Calendar reviewed.

Fundraising to support replacement of the compressor has gone very well and \$1600 has been raised already.

**Senior Warden:**

Jason Alexander came and had a nice visit. There are some difficulties programming the thermostat and training may be needed.

**Junior Warden:**

Leaves on roof of shed need removal.

New Comer Incorporated:

Will re-visit this in the fall in order to discuss plan for newcomers' dinner.

CDC:

Has not met but is in need of a meeting. The \$175 funds earned from the market will be donated to Habitat for Humanity.

Kids' Club/EYC:

The first meeting will be scheduled with parents to discuss plans for the year. Sunday school will be stopped for now since attendance was poor and we can revisit starting it up as need/requests arise.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dawn S. Leslie  
Vestry Secretary