

**ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**MINUTES OF VESTRY**  
**August 15, 2011**

The Vestry of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Benton, Arkansas, met in regular session in the church fellowship hall on Monday, August 15, 2011 at 7:00 PM. Present were Chris Ellis, Selena Ellis, Susan Alford, Glen Poteet, Melinda Hancock, and the Rev. Lorrie Slaymaker, Vicar.

The Vicar called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Evening prayer was led by Rev. Lorrie Slaymaker.

The July minutes were submitted by Rev. Lorrie Slaymaker. Chris Ellis moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Melinda Hancock Ellis. The motion carried unanimously.

The Financial Report for June was presented by Rev. Lorrie Slaymaker. Selena Ellis moved to approve the financial report, Chris Ellis seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The *Minutes for August Vestry* and the *Financial Reports for July* are available for download at [www.stmatthewsar.org/vestryreports](http://www.stmatthewsar.org/vestryreports) .

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Money Collected for Shed**

A total of **\$2,000.00** was collected for the shed. **\$1150.00** was paid out, leaving a balance **of \$850.00**. Selena Ellis moved to use the remaining balance toward repairing and updating the Vicarage (see estimates below). Susan Alford seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Estimates to Repair and Update Vicarage**

- Kitchen Tile Floor: \$1390.00
- Bathroom: \$510.00
- Outside (3 sides): \$1200.00

### **Stewardship Committee for 2011**

- Melinda Hancock volunteered to help with mailing pledge cards and making phone calls
- Selena Ellis and Susan Alford volunteered to be on the Committee
- The Vicar will talk to Fanny Jones and Nancy Hornstein

### **Darmae Brown Relocating**

The Vicar announced that Darmae is relocating to Florida.

### **Melinda Hood, Treasurer**

Melinda will be out of town **Aug 18 to Sep 24**. Andrea Billingsley is keeping financial reports.

### **Christmas is on a Sunday**

The Vicar asked the Vestry if they were interested in having Sunday services on Christmas Day. After receiving input from Vestry members, the Vicar decided to **not** have services on Christmas Day (Sunday).

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**OLD BUSINESS**

**Vestry Retreat**

The Vestry Retreat is this Saturday (August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011) at Susan Benzick's house.

Vestry can meet at St. Matthew's to car pool at 9:00 to be at Susan's by 9:30.

**Directory Update**

The Vicar is almost finished with updating the Church Directory.

**RB House Rental**

We are still waiting to hear from the property management company.

**Shed Project**

The major part of the "Shed Project" has been completed.

It has been suggested that some dirt surrounding the shed be removed to defer rain water.

**New Comers Dinner Sept 10**

The New Comers Dinner is scheduled for September 10<sup>th</sup>.

**New Comers List:**

- Debbie Hansen
- David & Allison Nolley
- Brenda Robert
- Mellissa Kimball
- Suzanne Smith
- Kathleen Enos
- Poly Brown
- Allen & Cricket Rushing
- Bonnie Walker
- Nancy Fetters
- Liz McPeak
- Karen Pitts

**Boot Sale**

Selena Ellis would like St. Matthews to host a **Boots Sale** during the Spring of 2012. Spaces will be available on a *first come/first serve* basis for non-church people as well as people of St. Matthews.

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**CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Vestry Retreat (August 20th)
- Kid Club begins (September 7<sup>th</sup>)
- Sunday School begins (September 11<sup>th</sup>)
- New Comers Dinner (September 10<sup>th</sup>)
- Woolen Works (Date of next meeting TBA)
- Vestry Meeting (September 19<sup>th</sup>)
- Blessing of the Animals (October 8<sup>th</sup>)
- All Hallow's Eve (Sunday - October 30<sup>th</sup>)
- ECW Christmas Party (December 7<sup>th</sup>)
- Advent Lessons & Carols (December 14<sup>th</sup>)
- Bishop Visit (Sunday - December 18<sup>th</sup>)

Meeting adjourned.