

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
MINUTES OF VESTRY
May 22, 2012

The Vestry of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Benton, Arkansas, met in regular session in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, May 22, 2012 at 7:00 PM. Present were Fanny Jones, Senior Warden; Chris Ellis, Junior Warden; Nancy Hornstein, Allison Nolley, Selena Ellis, Glen Poteet, Susan Alford, and the Rev. Lorrie Slaymaker, Vicar. Also present was Dawn Leslie, Secretary.

The Vicar called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Evening prayer was led by Chris Ellis.

The April minutes were not submitted at this time.

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

ACH updated information was presented for discussion. The Stewardship Chair was approached and asked to present the bank draft pay system to the congregation. Online banking payments can be set up through any personal bank account requiring recipient address only.

Attendance presented and it was noted that it is increasing gradually.

NEW BUSINESS

Ricky Jones has agreed to arrange a bulldozer and fuel to clear the brush next to the church parking lot. Hornstein moved and Selena Ellis seconded that we have the area cleared. The motion passed unanimously.

Habitat for Humanity will have a youth build the week of June 11- 15. Fanny moved, and Hornstein seconded that St. Matthews donate food for Habitat's build which will be organized by Selena Ellis. Motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion about changing the vestry meeting time, but no consensus was achieved.

Selena Ellis made a motion, seconded by Poteet that Rev. Slaymaker is provided the funds to add a monthly data plan for the use of a new I Phone which will be purchased for her by the congregation. Motion carried unanimously.

Reviewed the schedules for monthly prayer requests, vestry Sundays and changed the date of the next vestry meeting from June 18 to June 20th since Rev. Slaymaker will be out of town.

The Church Development Committee presented discussion regarding an Ad to be purchased through the Chamber of Commerce. Selena Ellis moved, and Jones seconded the purchasing of an Ad for \$125 for the months of June-August with the Benton Chamber of Commerce. The motion carried unanimously.

The Church Development Committee has also begun gathering recipes for a new St. Matthew's cookbook to assist in funding the new sign. The congregation will be asked to

send recipes electronically, if possible or place them in an envelope present in the Narthex.

Sign funds are currently \$1000.00. Chris Ellis has received another quote from another company for \$10,900 that would be drop shipped with no installation. So it was decided to go with the original quote.

OLD BUSINESS

Vicar's Report:

The Vicar will be on vacation from June 5-19 in Mexico. She would like to have a worship leader breakfast in August. She requested that the Vestry Greeter assigned for each service assist in making sure church server positions are filled for each service.

Senior Warden:

Nothing new to report at this time.

Junior Warden:

Junior Warden has received an estimate of \$150.00 to have the tree stump removed. Selena Ellis agreed to contact the county agent regarding advice regarding the stump. The ceilings in the bathroom and in the classroom are on hold awaiting Fortunado's return. Tree planting will wait until the fall.

ECW:

The next event is to go out to eat at Bosco's on June 6. There will be a "No bake, bake sale" on June 2 in Hot Springs at Debbie Lott's home. Woolen Works is not meeting the months of June and July.

CDC:

They sponsored a successful Market. Next year's Market date is planned for May 11.

Stewardship:

Nancy Hornstein volunteered to write a paragraph regarding bank draft payment process.

Calendar Reviewed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn S. Leslie
Vestry Secretary

Addendum: On May 31, 2012 Nolley made a motion, seconded by Chris Ellis via internet communication, that Helen Jones be released from her contract renting the RB House. 6 members agreed and 1 abstained. Motion carried.