

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
MINUTES OF VESTRY
April 18, 2011

The Vestry of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Benton, Arkansas, met in regular session in the church library on April 18, 2011 at 7:00 PM. Present were Nancy Hornstein, Senior Warden; Chris Ellis, Selena Ellis, Caroline Robinson, Melinda Hancock, Glen Poteet, and the Rev. Lorrie Slaymaker, Vicar. Also present was Dawn Leslie, Secretary; Melinda Hood, Treasurer, and Guest Susan Alford.

The Vicar opened the meeting with evening prayer.

The Vicar, Lorrie Slaymaker, presented Vestry Member and Junior Warden, Margo Walden's resignation letter.

Hornstein moved to appoint Susan Alford to the vestry, seconded by Robinson. The motion carried unanimously.

The March minutes were submitted by Chris Ellis. Robinson moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Selena Ellis. The motion carried unanimously.

The Financial Report for February was presented by Melinda Hood. Chris Ellis moved to approve the financial report as presented, Poteet seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The Financial Report for March was presented by Melinda Hood. Hornstein moved to approve the financial report as presented, Chris Ellis seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Attendance was presented in order to report a continued downward trend.

NEW BUSINESS

Hornstein made a motion to appoint Robinson as Junior Warden to the vestry with Melinda Hancock as an assistant. Selena Ellis seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Discussion began regarding the Vicar's job description. The vestry decided to schedule a separate meeting in order to discuss this issue in detail. The Vicar was asked to bring a schedule of weekly activities and a list of delegated duties. The follow-up meeting was scheduled for Thursday, May 5 at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Discussion was presented regarding the time restriction of vestry meetings. It was noted that meeting length depends on the agenda and that we will all attempt to stay on track of the agenda.

RB House discussion continued regarding the address of the home which is needed before a contract can be signed with Phillips Rental. Selena Ellis will contact the 911 office in order to get an accurate address. We will then need a mailbox and Robinson believed she may have one available.

Easter festivities were discussed. Chris Ellis and Poteet will meet Easter morning in order to hide eggs. Robinson will provide cupcakes and drinks for snacks and Melinda

Hancock will get the “Bunny Suit” from the Royal Theatre for Charlie Jones to wear at the hunt.

Summer hospitality will resume on the front lawn following each service beginning on Mother’s Day.

The Boot Sale is tentatively scheduled for June 4th. There will be a sign-up sheet on line in order to assess interest.

June 12th is Pentecost which is late for our annual picnic. It was decided that there will be a church Bar B Q on Sunday, May 22 at 12:00.

The Vestry retreat is scheduled for Saturday, August 20, 2011.

Junior Warden Issues:

Shed Construction

Directional Sign Blown Down

1st Window on the left on pulpit side filled with water following storm

Ceiling in Sunday School room may need repair

ECW News:

\$585 raised at soup fundraiser with \$100 given to 6 different charities

May 21 is a NO BUSINESS day at the Lake

May 18 Woolen Works Ministry begins at 7:00 PM. Carol James will teach knitting to beginners

Kids Club News:

Kids club earned over \$100 for Japan.

Adult Christian Education:

Finishing Judges and will begin “Screwtape Letters”

Selena Ellis moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 which was seconded by Hornstein.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn S. Leslie
Vestry Secretary