

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

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

The Vicar called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. Evening prayer was led by Rev. Lorrie Slaymaker.

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

The Financial Report for June was presented by Melinda Hood. Robinson moved to approve the financial report as presented, Alford seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Fanny Jones and Rev. Slaymaker met with some parents concerning this year's Christian formation classes. Fanny Jones is willing to teach the class which will be held on Sundays from 10:30 to 11:15. The class will focus on bible stories, Episcopal Traditions and encouraging the children to participate in the service.

Directory update is underway and there was discussion regarding whether to include adult children or not. It was left up to the individual families, but some are not responding to numerous requests to update information.

OLD BUSINESS

The RB House has been listed for availability for about 2 weeks now at the rental rate of \$750.00 per month.

Building the shed project: The concrete will cost \$400.00. It will cost \$350.00 for one person to build and \$300.00 for his helper. Selena Ellis moved to ask the congregation to raise funds to "raise the shed", Hancock seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

New Comers dinner is scheduled for September 10, 2011. We have at least 10 families to include in the dinner.

Vicar's Report:

CCC-D: Lorrie will share many of the results from the conference at the Vestry Retreat scheduled August 20, 2011. There will be training for church greeters one evening soon in order to share information gathered from the CCC-D.

Continuing to try to find a date for Youth Formation during this busy summer for ages 13 and up.

The Google Web Site is having trouble for people using different Browsers. Lorrie is working on the problem.

St. Matthew's has collected 105 pencil sharpeners to date, and we need 135.

Senior Warden:

Vestry retreat is planned for August 20, 2011 at Susan Benzick's home. This will include training regarding vestry "boundaries". There will also be discussion regarding a "development committee" for sustainability. Vestry goals for retreat include church growth, child peer groups, and making a joyful noise.

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

Menu: Nancy: Finger Sandwiches
Selena: Baked Beans
Susan: Breakfast food of some variety
Caroline: Fruit
Melinda Hancock: Drinks
Chris: Cole Slaw
Dawn: Dessert
Lorrie: Gazpacho

Junior Warden:

Lawn moving is moving slowly with limited volunteers. Caps have been left off the gasoline causing the gas to evaporate.

Mailbox will be put up for rental house.

Hopes are to plan an early fall clean-up day for some much needed ground maintenance.

ECW:

Woolen Works meets this week at Debbie Lott's home. ECW on summer hiatus.

Boot Sale:

Discussion regarding future "Boot Sale" to include vendors and crafters.

Calendar Reviewed. Events added included All Hallows' Eve on October 30th and Lessons and Carols on December 21st.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn S. Leslie
Vestry Secretary