

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

The Vestry of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Benton, Arkansas, met in regular session in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, August 22, 2012 at 7:00 PM. Present were: Fanny Jones, Senior Warden; Chris Ellis, Junior Warden; Nancy Hornstein, Allison Nolley, Susan Alford, Selena Ellis, Glen Poteet 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 Nancy Hornstein. Prayers of the congregation were submitted.

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

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

Attendance reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

Melinda Hood is once again looking into ACH payment options.

Jason from the Diocese has been contacted regarding financial assistance from the Diocese regarding payment for the sign. Awaiting response.

New Comers Dinner is being organized by the vestry for 9/29/12. Reviewed members to be invited to the event.

Sign up for food is as follows:

Ham: Allison Nolley	Cole Slaw: Chris Ellis
Rolls n butter: Fanny Jones	Dessert: Dawn Leslie
Baked Beans: Selena Ellis	Green Beans: Nancy Hornstein
Potato Salad: Lorrie Slaymaker	Iced Tea: Glen Poteet
	Wine: Susan Alford

St. Matthews will be sponsoring breakfast at the Habitat for Humanity Apostles Build on Wednesday, 9/19/12.

Muffins: Allison Nolley and Susan Alford
Fresh Fruit: Nancy Hornstein
Juice and additional fruit will be requested from the congregation.

Kids Club will resume on 9/12/12 and Children's Sunday School will resume 9/16/12.

Discussed consideration of adapting signage needs. Question needing to be viewed from both sides of the highway. Members to further evaluate.

OLD BUSINESS

The RB House is currently being rented for \$500 per month with a \$250 deposit. The stairs/ramp is in need of repair as soon as possible. Gary Keeter has agreed to provide wood for the project and Randy Henderson will build the ramp.

The CDC's Fish Fry to raise funds for St. Matthew's sign and the Ralph Bunch Kids will be held on Sunday, September 9th from 11-2. The CDC is planning for 200 attendees.

Clearing the understory of the woods next to the property is currently on hold.

The ad to be featured in the Chamber of Commerce's newsletter was full for the summer, we will check back in the fall.

Vicar's Report:

The morning prayers will be taken off of the schedule due to lack of attendance.

The Vicar will be on vacation the week of Thanksgiving.

In April or May, the Vicar is considering a 6 wk journey on the Santiago Trail and would like the vestry to consider whether this is something to pursue.

Senior Warden:

Nothing new to report at this time.

Junior Warden:

St. Matthews is in dire need of an affordable handy man for much needed repairs and projects.

ECW:

No report at present.

CDC:

Fish Fry plans previously discussed.

Stewardship:

No new report.

Calendar Reviewed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn S. Leslie
Vestry Secretary