

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
MINUTES OF VESTRY
September 19, 2011

The Vestry of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Benton, Arkansas, met in regular session in the church library on Monday, September 19, 2011 at 7:00 PM. Present were Nancy Hornstein, Senior Warden; Caroline Robinson, Junior Warden; Chris Ellis, Selena Ellis, Glenn 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 Rev. Lorrie Slaymaker.

The August minutes were submitted by Glenn Poteet. 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 the Rev. Lorrie Slaymaker and written by Andrea Billingsley. Selena Ellis moved to approve the financial report as presented, Hornstein seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Selena Ellis moved that we lower the rental price of the RB House to \$600 per month, which was seconded by Hornstein. The motion carried unanimously.

Selena Ellis moved to ratify the Norms and Protocols of the Vestry 2011 as amended, seconded by Hornstein. The motion carried unanimously.

A congregation contact list was handed out to Vestry members in order to allow for calls of prayer requests during vestry meetings. Vestry members are to call 5 people during their month in order to inquire about prayer requests. The list was assigned as follows:

Robinson #1 for October	Hancock #2 for November
Selena Ellis #3 for December	Chris Ellis #4 for January
Poteet #5 for February	Hornstein #6 for March
Alford #7 for April	

The annual meeting was scheduled for Sunday, January 22, 2012. With the Vestry Retreat scheduled for Saturday, February 4, 2012.

A Worship committee is being organized in order to help find a "voice" for the church.

A Development committee is being organized in order to help find a way to make us visible in the community.

A "Buddy System" will be established to assist new members to have a "buddy" in the church. Selena Ellis will monitor the newcomers at 11:00 service and Dawn Leslie will monitor newcomers at the 8:30 service.

Selena Ellis made a motion for St. Matthew's join the food bank in order to create a food distribution ministry, Hornstein seconded. Fanny Jones volunteered to represent St. Matthew's in this mission. The motion carried unanimously.

Dave and the Rev. Lorrie Slaymaker are planning a trip to Mexico and would like to offer members of the EYC to join them. This trip is supported by the Vestry.

OLD BUSINESS

The Stewardship Committee 2011 has organized the Stewardship Drive for October 2 through November 6. Reflections will be read and discussed during the services. The weekly bulletin will now contain weekly attendance, plate collection and budget needs for all to see and follow. Committee members will follow-up with phone calls to missing pledges. The committee will continue its work throughout the year.

The Church Directory is in Andrea's hands for formatting and should be ready soon.

Vicar's Report:

Chris Ellis, Fanny Jones and Nancy Hornstein will be organizing the Blessing of the Animals to be held October 8, 2011 at 3:00.

St. Matthew's will host a booth at Old Fashion Days which will be organized by Dawn Leslie and Allison Nolley.

Inquirer's class has begun and is progressing well.

The Stewardship dinner is scheduled for November 6.

Senior Warden:

Vestry retreat was very successful with some great ideas. The EYC is up and running as is the Kids Club.

Junior Warden:

The "Old" shed needs to come down.

The Scouts will be fixing up the back of the Vicarage as an Eagle Scout Project.

There is a light switch in the Vicarage that requires repair.

ECW:

The Annual Bake Sale will be the Saturday before Thanksgiving. The next ECW meeting will be a book swap. In October, the meeting will be at Joann Mesley's home and November will be at Selena Ellis' with a talk on Nutritional Cooking.

Calendar Reviewed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn S. Leslie
Vestry Secretary