

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
MINUTES OF VESTRY  
MAY 16, 2011

The Vestry of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Benton, Arkansas, met in regular session in the church fellowship hall on May 16, 2011 at 7:00 PM. Present were Selena Ellis, Melinda Hancock, Chris Ellis, Glenn Poteet, Susan Alford, and the Rev. Lorrie Slaymaker, Vicar. Also present were Melinda Hood, Treasurer and Dawn Leslie, Secretary. Nancy Hornstein and Caroline Robinson were absent.

The Vicar opened the meeting with prayer.

The April 18<sup>th</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup> minutes were submitted by Dawn Leslie. Chris Ellis moved, seconded by Poteet that the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

The treasurer's March and April financial reports were presented and discussed. Hancock moved to accept the reports as amended and seconded by Chris Ellis. Motion passed unanimously.

Outreach money totals \$497.00. Selena Ellis moved that the funds go to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund for disaster relief in Arkansas which was seconded by Poteet. The motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

St. Matthews put an ad in the paper congratulating our 2 graduates, Helen Jones and Eli Nehus. Selena will notify the Hospitality Committee Chair to offer a gift for the graduates.

There have been 2 dead bolt locks added to the Vicarage to increase security, especially with recent neighborhood crime increasing.

Melinda Hancock made a motion to continue our partnership with Habitat for Humanity as a member of Apostle's Build to do what ever we can to assist, which was seconded by Chris Ellis. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion began regarding repair and upkeep of the St. Matthew's property. There is need for repair of the back and carport of the Vicarage. Lorrie was asked to create a list of home repair needs (including new bathroom floor) so the Vestry could obtain estimates and prioritize repairs. Church power washing and staining was also discussed.

New Comers Dinner added to the calendar for September 10, 2011.

## OLD BUSINESS

The Vicar reported that a committee had been working on a system to deal with any situation in which we have someone attending our church who has been convicted of a sex crime involving children. Normally (but not always) those persons appear on the local police department web site. The diocese has policy guidelines regarding this issue, and the attached Letter of Understanding is meant to comply with that policy. In the event there is an attendee who has been convicted of a sex crime involving an adult, this Letter of Understanding can be modified to cover that situation. On motion of Selena Ellis, seconded by Susan Alford, the vestry adopted the Letter of Understanding as the document to be used to comply with the policy of the diocese.

RB House rental agreement is about to be complete. Fanny Jones knows someone interested. Chris Ellis will contact Fanny, obtain the renters information and pass it onto our management company.

Easter Picnic scheduled for May 22. Randy Henderson will bring his grill, Selena Ellis will bring hamburger buns, Melinda Hood will bring hot dog buns, the Beard family will bring hamburgers, and the Leslie family will bring Hot dogs. The congregation will bring side dishes, desserts and drinks. The kids club is planning a carnival to raise funds for Arkansas disaster relief.

Youth Summer Formation is in the planning stages. Rising 8<sup>th</sup> graders through high school will meet with Lorrie for summer fellowship/worship. Rising 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders will meet with Nancy for some meaningful Bible interactions.

CCCD is scheduled for June 25-July 2. This is part 2. Fanny and Lorrie will be attending.

Lorrie is trying to schedule time soon with Dawn Leslie to work on the Vertical Response system.

## REPORTS

Senior Warden Hornstein is continuing to attempt to reach Paula Hartner regarding organizing summer hosting. Susan Benzick may be approached if needed.

Junior Warden Robinson is continuing to work on lawn mowing schedule, shed construction, directional sign, ceiling in nursery (Chuck Messley will check for us), thermostat replacement, window near Narthex and Vicarage repair.

Boot Sale will likely be in fall.

ECW: June 21<sup>st</sup> is a Lake Day and Woolen Works continues.

Kids Club ends on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May.

Selena Ellis moved to adjourn at 8:30, seconded by Hancock.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dawn S. Leslie  
Vestry Secretary