

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
MINUTES OF VESTRY
April 28, 2014

The Vestry of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Benton, Arkansas, met in regular session in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, April 28, 2014 at 6:00 PM. Present were: Fanny Neely; Allison Nolley; George Ellis; Ellen Gregan; Debbie Hansen, and the Rev. Lorrie Slaymaker, Vicar. Also present was Dawn Leslie, Secretary.

The Vicar called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM and Ellen Gregan led evening prayer.

The March minutes were submitted by Allison Nolley. Gregan moved to accept the minutes as amended which was seconded by Hansen. Motion carried unanimously.

The Financial Report for March was submitted by Allison Nolley. Ellis moved to accept the financial report as presented, Neely seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

A spring clean-up day was scheduled and completed.

Copier Machine was replaced with a Brother DN30 Copier/Printer

Electronic Media:

Vestry reports updated to web page completed by Ellen Gregan.

Debbie Hansen is the editor of the Events

Martha Nehus is coordinating and updating worship leaders through Google Docs

ECW, Woolen Works, Altar Guild Web pages are up to date

St. Matthew's Market page up to date

A recommendation was made to add Flower Guild to the Events and Bulletins.

Awaiting installation of carpeting. Calls left with company to schedule time.

Fundraiser for Charlie Jones to attend the national conference as EYC will be held May 17 at the Ellis' home.

Nothing new on Burial property at Pine Crest Cemetery.

There are still some members of Vestry requiring the safe-guarding children modules.

Nothing new on organizing transportation for Cameron Mann.

Signatures obtained on Parochial Report.

Calendar reviewed. Suggested change in next vestry meeting due to scheduled for Memorial Day.

NEW BUSINESS

Inquirer's Class has begun. There is a potential need for child care during the class.

Gregan made a motion to pay Victoria Meyer \$25 to care for children during the inquirer's class, seconded by Neely. The motion carried unanimously.

Our waste service has an option to add recycling to the pick-up schedule. Ellis moved we enroll in the recycle program at the cost of \$4 per month, which was seconded by Hansen. The motion carried unanimously.

Selena Ellis is organizing volunteers to donate meals to the Hancock family in order to assist family through hard times. Please contact Selena if you can assist.

It is time for snacks on the lawn following services. The vestry agrees that we should continue and start this weekend.

There is a new church member who is seeking child care for his 2 year old 2 days during the week if anyone knows of anyone who can assist.

Worship Considerations were discussed. There is a need for more leaders at the 11:00 service. Discussion was presented regarding the formality or informality of our services and recommendations for changes.

Organizing stewardship committee for 2015 was discussed. It was recommended that the committee work through the summer and set goals for the church rather than just have enough money to maintain what we have been doing. The committee would like to ask people to increase pledge by a small amount such as \$10-\$20.

Vicar's Report:

Vicar Lorrie presented her proposed schedule for the remainder of the year and current Officiates schedule. Rev. Jason Alexander will join us on Aug. 24.

Senior Warden:

Jason Alexander will be officiating at our service on Aug. 24th.

Junior Warden:

Grounds have been cleaned up. Tony Falls and Dan Leslie will be replacing lights in the Fellowship Hall.

ECW:

Preparing for bake sale at St. Matthew's market and the Wine & Cheese Fundraiser for the EYC.

CDC:

Need volunteers and people to bake for the bake sale. Need paper towels and large foil pans for the fish fry.

Altar Guild:

Cleaned up inside the church.

Next vestry meeting will be Wednesday, May 21st at 6 PM.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn S. Leslie
Vestry Secretary