

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
MINUTES OF VESTRY  
June 23, 2014

The Vestry of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Benton, Arkansas, met in regular session in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, June 23, 2014 at 6:00 PM. Present were: Fanny Neely; George Ellis; Ellen Gregan; Debbie Hansen, Amy Sullen, Melinda Hood and the Rev. Lorrie Slaymaker, Vicar. Also present was Dawn Leslie, Secretary.

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

The May minutes were submitted by Allison Nolley. Gregan moved to accept the minutes as presented which was seconded by Neely. Motion carried unanimously.

The Financial Report for May is not presented at this time while auditor is validating financials.

Attendance report reviewed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Vicarage is currently being measured and accepting bids regarding flooring repair and update.

Stewardship committee is seeking new members.

Reviewed church calendar and vicar's "off" Sunday schedule. Rev. Lorrie will be off August 25<sup>th</sup>. The Bishop's visitation to St. Matthew's will be August 3.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ralph Bunch Kids has asked St. Matthew's to contribute 100 3-prong folders with pockets to their annual school supply collection.

The Benton Courier Map is being printed which would allow St. Matthews to be included on the Map with an advertisement for \$159. Markie Bryant volunteered to donate the funds for this advertisement if the Vestry desired to follow through. George Ellis made the motion to proceed with the advertisement which was seconded by Gregan. Motion carried unanimously.

Lawn schedule is in need of some additional signatures and volunteers. George Ellis reported that he plans to power wash the front walk this summer.

The vestry discussed the Bishop's visit and would like the church members to participate in pot luck for his hospitality. Neely will create sign-up sheets for pot luck and lawn maintenance.

July 19<sup>th</sup>, a youth group from San Antonio, Texas is travelling to Nashville and they have requested a place to rest along their journey. They would also like it for their return visit on the 26<sup>th</sup>. St. Matthew's would be pleased to offer the space, although limited if it meets their needs.

Allison Nolley, treasure, has resigned her position due to time commitment issues and records falling behind and a change would most benefit the church at present. Neely moved to appoint Melinda Hood as treasurer seconded by Ellis. Motion carried unanimously.

In order to maintain accuracy in financial record keeping, it was decided to have 2 counters following the 11 o'clock worship (EM and representative from Vestry if not 2 EMs) and to return to the old money counting form to detail what funds/checks received and to have any changes/corrections initialed on this form with deposit slip attached.

Our auditors regularly audit the records as back up to our treasurer.

**Junior Warden:**

A member of our congregation was injured by a cat that is being fed at the church Fellowship Hall. There is legal liability to feeding "wild animals or strays" and the church must desist in continuing this practice.

Next vestry meeting will be Monday, July 28<sup>st</sup> at 6 PM.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dawn S. Leslie  
Vestry Secretary