

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
MINUTES OF VESTRY
July 16, 2012

The Vestry of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Benton, Arkansas, met in regular session in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, July 16, 2012 at 7:00 PM. Present were: Chris Ellis, Junior Warden; Nancy Hornstein, Allison Nolley, Susan Alford, and the Rev. Lorrie Slaymaker, Vicar. Also present was Dawn Leslie, Secretary and Melinda Hood, Treasurer.

The Vicar called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Evening prayer was led by Rev. Lorrie Slaymaker.

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

The June minutes were submitted by Allison Nolley. Chris Ellis moved to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Alford. The motion carried unanimously.

The Financial Report for June was presented by Melinda Hood. Chris Ellis moved to approve the financial report as presented, Alford seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Attendance presented and it was noted that it is dropping.

NEW BUSINESS

The Church Development Committee is organizing a fish fry for September 9 at St. Matthew's for the community in order to raise funds for the sign and for the Ralph Bunche Charity. The CDC will attempt to collect "seed money" and maintain an independent budget ledger to manage funds for various events and projects.

Currently there is \$475 in dollars for outreach. After discussion, Chris Ellis moved that we donate \$150 to the Hunger Walk and \$300 to the Boys and Girls Club to assist in feeding underprivileged children during the summer months. This motion was seconded by Nolley. The vote was unanimous.

The Apostles' Build with Habitat for Humanity is scheduled for September 15-22. St. Matthews has agreed to provide breakfast one morning for the build again this year.

The next Vestry meeting has been rescheduled from Monday, August 20 to Wednesday, August 22 due to school beginning on the 20th.

OLD BUSINESS

There is an individual possibly interested in renting the RB House in August. She is requesting we waive the deposit and consider placing a ramp where the stairs are damaged. Chris Ellis moved that we waive the deposit for this individual and investigate the cost to install a ramp with a signed 6 month lease. Motion seconded by Alford. Motion carried unanimously.

Reviewed the schedules for monthly prayer requests, and vestry Sundays.

The Church Development Committee is continuing to gather recipes for a new St. Matthew's cookbook to assist in funding the new sign. The congregation will be asked to send recipes electronically, if possible or place them in an envelope present in the Narthex.

Vicar's Report:

The Vicar will be on vacation the week of Thanksgiving. She and Chris Ellis will begin planning a worship leader breakfast in August.

Senior Warden:

Nothing new to report at this time besides RB Rental.

Junior Warden:

Fortinado is out of town and return date is unknown. If anyone knows of a good, reasonable handy man, please get a phone number. Projects currently on hold and a maintenance priority plan will need to be established.

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