

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

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

The Vicar called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

The June minutes were submitted by Dawn Leslie. Neely moved to accept the minutes as presented which was seconded by Hansen. Motion carried unanimously.

The Financial Report for June was submitted by Melinda Hood. Gregan moved to accept the minutes with the contingency to get clarification on Vicar's salary being paid up to date. This was seconded by Hansen and the motion passed unanimously.

Attendance report reviewed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Neely is working on a proposal for the diocese based on the estimates received for the updates and maintenance needed at the Vicarage.

Discussion regarding tree removal and pruning due to recent tree downed by storm blocking access and trapping rental property residents. Decided to seek bids for removal of limbs and a second bid for evaluating tree removal needs to avoid potential property damage.

Stewardship committee is continuing to seek new members.

Our commitment to the Diocese is almost caught-up.

Our project to obtain 100 3 prong folders for the Ralph Bunch Kids was exceeded with donation of 300 folders to the organization.

St. Matthew's was added to the map from the Benton Courier to assist with advertising our church to residents. This was made possible by a generous donation from Markie Bryant.

Bishop's visit is scheduled for August 3, 2014. Pot luck organized and ready for the visitation with the confirmands. This year's confirmands include: Olivia Nolley, Leif Gregan, Tony Falls, Jab Rowland, Dina and Dan Buzatu, Chris and Marlisa Yarberry

Jason Alexander will be preaching for St. Matthew's on August 24<sup>th</sup> in Lorrie's absence.

The next vestry meeting will be moved to Tuesday, August 26, 2014 due to the Vicar's travel schedule.

The wild cats that have been fed at the church have been trapped and relocated.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Our garbage collection will now be through Republic.

Hancocks are in need of meals from the church to assist them through Melinda's illness. Selena has had difficulties getting in touch with the family to confirm needs at this time.

Discussion regarding the progress with purchasing the digital sign was presented. The decision was to gain new bids/estimates for the sign since the previous bid was from a few years ago.

### **Vicar's Report:**

Vicar will be out of town from August 21 to 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Junior Warden:**

Sign in front of church is in need of paint.

The new shed's roof needs to be cleaned out to see if it improves the status of a reported leak.

Mower's still needed.

New Comer Incorporated:

Will re-visit this in the fall in order to discuss plan for newcomers' dinner.

CDC:

Has not met but is in need of a meeting. The \$175 funds earned from the market will be donated to Habitat for Humanity.

ECW:

St. Esters Guild meeting August 6.

Kids' Club/EYC:

Leaders should meet along with youth Sunday School to discuss plans and calendar for the upcoming school year.

Next vestry meeting will be Tuesday, August 26 at 6 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dawn S. Leslie  
Vestry Secretary