

# MINUTES OF VESTRY ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

February 13, 2011 at 1:15 pm  
Adams Room

**Present:**

Clergy: Paul Roberts Abernathy, Rector

Wardens: Kenn Allen, Senior Warden John Sedgewick, Junior Warden

Vestry Members: Ed Corr, Bill Dickinson, Rick Hayes, Marilu Sherer, Cecilia Monahan, Mary Lee Watts, Joe Calizo, Susan Thompson, Vicki Street

Treasurer: Kathryn Powers

Register: Raiford Gaffney

**Absent:** Counsel Michael Knipe

1. Rector Paul Abernathy called the meeting of St. Mark's Vestry to order at 1:20 pm on February 13, 2011.

2. **The Opening Prayer** was given by Marilu Sherer.

3. **Christian Education Pillar Visit.** Christian Education Co-Directors Penny Farley, Will Long, Katherine Loevinger, and Bobbi Smith gave a status on Christian Education (*report attached*). Susan Thompson moved that a Christian Education Council be formed and incorporated in the Christian Education Charter. Marilu Sherer seconded the motion, which carried. Building lock-up procedures were discussed. Paul Abernathy and Kenn Allen will determine a trial period for the draft procedures including a vehicle to respond back to the Junior Warden. (*reports attached*)

4. **Visit with Membership Development Committee Co-Chairs.** Co-Chairs Stan Smith and Amber Palmer discussed the status of the Membership Development Committee (*report attached*). Amber announced that she is getting married and leaving St. Mark's. The Vestry thanked her for her service and wished her good luck in the future. (*reports attached*)

5. **Approve 2011 Budget.** Marilu Sherer moved and Cecilia Monahan seconded a motion to approve the 2011 St. Mark's budget. The motion carried.

6. **Proposed Amendment to By-Laws to Allow for Absentee Voting.** Vicki Street moved and Marilu Sherer seconded a motion to propose to the parish at the 2011 Annual Meeting an

amendment to the By-Laws to allow absentee voting at future annual meetings. The motion carried with one nay vote and one abstention. The language of the proposed amendment would change Article IV, Section 403 to read, with new language in bold: "Election of the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden, the Members of the Vestry and a Lay Delegate is by written ballot (unless unopposed) by a simple majority of the members of the Parish voting at the Annual Meeting and by absentee ballot. Absentee voting will be allowed, as determined annually by the Vestry, under such rules as approved by the Vestry and publicized at least one month in advance to the Parish via the website, email distribution and the bulletin board."

## 7. Officer Reports

- a. Register - Presentation of the January 9 minutes and Fundraising Report for Hazel Baker. Rick Hayes moved and Mary Lee Watts seconded the motion to approve the January 9, 2011 Minutes of the Vestry.
- b. Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's report was accepted by the Vestry.
- c. Junior Warden's Report. No report
- d. Senior Warden's Report
  - The Leadership directory is being updated for parish directory.
  - Kenn Allen moved and Ed Corr seconded the motion that the Vestry endorse to the Endowment Board the creation of a "Green Team" that would lead St. Mark's sustainability efforts. The motion carried.
  - Shrine Mont Retreat in June. Management has new financial requirements and the camping site is not longer available. Paul & Kenn recommended that they develop a survey to the parish to be sent out in the next week.
- e. Rector's Report
  - Annual Parochial Report is due March 1 to the National Church. Paul will send the draft report for electronic approval.
  - Assistant/Associate Rector Search Committee. Betsy Athey and Kitty Donnelly are the co-chairs plus eight members. Everything is good well with inquiries in even before the official request is issued. The closing date will be March 31.
  - Membership. The average 2010 Sunday attendance was 285. This year it is 340 to date.
  - Seminarian Interview. Will have two seminarians in Fall.

## 8. Liaison Reports *(attached)*

- Arts – Cecilia Monahan
- Christian Education – Vicki Street
- Discernment Process – Ed Corr
- Membership Development Committee – Marilu Sherer
- Outreach – Amanda Folsom
- Parish Life – Rick Hayes
- Race & Reconciliation – Marilu Sherer
- Stewardship – Bill Dickinson
- Worship - Mary Lee Watts
- Youth and Family Ministries – Joe Calizo

**9. Updates**

- a. Annual Canvass - Bill Dickinson & Erika Lehman. To-date, there are 22 new pledgers and the average pledge is over \$1500. (*report included under Liaison reports*)
- b. Annual Meeting – Mary Lee Watts. The Nomination Committee has a list of possible candidates and is checking them out. Still looking for additional candidates with a deadline of March 6.

**10. Executive Session Discussion with Frank Dunn on personnel issues.**

**11. What's New; What Needs Attention? What's Working? Who needs Acknowledgment?**

**12. Motion to Adjourn.** Marilu Sherer moved and Cecelia Monahan seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried at 4:45 pm.

**13. The Closing Prayer** was given by Kathryn Powers

Respectfully Submitted,

Raiford Gaffney  
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