

MINUTES OF ST. MARK'S VESTRY MEETING

January 9, 2011 at 1:15 pm.

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

Treasurer: Kathryn Powers

Register: Raiford Gaffney

Absent:

Vestry members Susan Thompson, Vicki Street,
Counsel Michael Knipe, Associate Rector Susan Pinkerton

1. Senior Warden Kenn Allen called the meeting of St. Mark's Vestry to order at 1:17 pm on January 9, 2011 in the Adams Rooms of St. Mark's.
2. **The Opening Prayer** was given by Mary Lee Watts for Susan Thompson
3. **Outreach Pillar Visit.** Outreach Pillars Dave Johnson and Amanda Folsom gave a status report on Outreach. (*report attached*).
4. **Discussion of 2011 Diocesan Convention with Delegates.** Delegates Mark Lindley and Rick Rutherford plus Alternate Delegate Maureen Shea discussed the upcoming Diocesan Convention. Delegate David Deutsch was unable to attend due to illness.
5. **Action on Middle East Working Group Charter.** Tom Getman and Peter Hawley presented the revised Middle East Working Group Charter. Mary Lee Watts moved that the proposed charter be approved with the following change to Article III: Policy Procedures: Before submitting any proposal to the Vestry calling for St. Mark's *Episcopal Church, Capitol Hill* to take an official public policy position ~~beyond those of The Episcopal Church~~, the Executive Committee of the Mid-East Working Group shall convene a meeting of all interested parishioners to discuss the proposal." The motion was seconded by Cecilia Monahan and carried. (*approved charter attached*).
6. **Action on creation of Communications Committee.** Senior Warden Kenn Allen presented the proposed charter for the Marketing and Communications Committee. Cecilia Monahan moved to approve the charter with the added bullet: "Coordination of strategy & implementation with the Membership

Development Committee and Pillars.” Marilu Sherer seconded the motion and it carried. (*approved charter attached*).

7. Announce process, schedule and responsibilities for March 26 Annual Meeting. Mary Lee Watts is the 3rd year vestry coordinator, Cecilia Monahan the 2nd year coordinator and Rick Hayes the 1st year coordinator.

8. Officer Reports

- a. Register - Presentation of the November 13 and December 19 minutes (*distributed*)
Marilu Sherer moved and Mary Lee Watts seconded the motion to approve the two sets of minutes. The motion carried.
- b. Treasurer’s Report. Kenn Allen moved and John Sedgewick seconded the motion to approve Rector Paul Abernathy’s 2011 housing allowance for \$42,000. The motion carried.
- c. Junior Warden's Report. John Sedgewick reported that St. Mark’s now has wireless internet access.
- d. Senior Warden's Report

Budget workshop for the Vestry will be on February 9 at 7 pm. The location will be announced. Treasurer Kathryn Powers will distribute the proposed budget following the Finance Committee Meeting.

Susan Pinkerton party & gifts. The Vestry party for Susan will be January 14 at Kathryn Powers. A check for \$1500 from vestry account will be presented to Susan at the Pub Lunch celebration on January 16.

All Vestry Members, Wardens, and Officers are to take Frank Dunn’s online survey by January 15.

Doris Burton will coordinate the 2010 Annual Report. Kenn will send an email with specific details.

Action to Accept Restricted Contribution. Parish policy, dating to a Vestry action in 2002, requires that all gifts given to the parish that carry restrictions on their use must be formally accepted by the Vestry. We now must take action on a gift that has been offered in support of the Christian Education Pillar. The gift is for \$54,000 and will be given early in 2011. It is committed to replenishment of the Penniman Fund and thus will fully fund (1) the second LCF weekend retreat costs of room and board for all LCF class members and leaders; and, (2) room and board retreat costs for all Sunday School teachers who attend the annual Christian Education January retreat. The donors wish to remain anonymous. Marilu Sherer moved to accept the donation of \$54,000 to Christian Education, Joe Calizo seconded the motion, which carried.

- e. Rector’s Report

Vicki Street unable to attend the vestry meeting. Paul reported that Vicki had sent an email stating that she was ill and unable to attend the vestry meeting. The Vestry keeps Vicki in our prayers.

Post 01/16 Associate Rector Duties. Susan Flanders has offered to assist Paul and the community on Sunday mornings. Paul is not inclined to hire an interim Assistant Rector during the “short term” before a new assistant. He wants a new person by June. The Search Committee will be chaired by Betsy Athey and Kitty Donnelly plus four to six others. Kenn asked all to help Paul during the interim.

9. **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 will be Mardi Gras
- Race & Reconciliation – Marilu Sherer
- Stewardship – Bill Dickinson
- Worship - Mary Lee Watts (*no report submitted*)
- Youth and Family Ministries – Joe Calizo

10. **Updates**

a. Annual Canvass. Bill Dickinson reported that 92% in dollars has been pledged against last year canvass, and 81% against the number of 2010 pledges. Additional person-to-person contact is required.

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

A thank you will be sent to Bill Dickinson for his able management of the Annual Canvass.

12. **Motion to Adjourn.** Kenn Allen moved to adjourn at 4: 05 pm. Mary Lee Watts seconded and the motion carried.

13. Mary Lee Watts gave the closing prayer.