

# MINUTES OF THE VESTRY

## ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, CAPITOL HILL

### June 20, 2010

#### **Present:**

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| Clergy:         | Paul Roberts Abernathy, Rector<br>Susan Beth Pinkerton, Assistant Rector   |
| Wardens:        | Kenn Allen, Senior Warden  |
| Vestry Members: | Bill Dickinson, Rick Hayes, Cecilia Monahan, Marilu Sherer, Susan Thompson, Mary Lee Watts, Rick Hayes, Vicki Street |
| Register:       | Raiford Gaffney  |
| Treasurer:      | Kathryn Powers   |
| <b>Absent:</b>  | Joe Calizo, Ed Corr - Vestry Members; John Sedgewick – Junior Warden and Norm Wolfe - Manciple                       |

## **Agenda**

1. Paul Abernathy, Rector and Chair of the Vestry, called the meeting of St. Mark's Vestry to order at 1:15 pm on June 20, 2010 in the Adams Room in the Undercroft of St. Mark's Church.
2. Vicki Street gave the opening prayer.
3. **Sunday 5 pm Eucharist.** Susan Pinkerton, David Deutsch, Rick Hayes, and Loretta Veney discussed the Sunday 5 pm Eucharist. There are four committees to support the service: Liturgy/Bulletins – Susan Pinkerton, Chair; Music – Rick Hayes, Chair; Hospitality – Loretta Veney, Chair; and Set Up/Break Down/Verger – David Deutsch, Chair with Elizabeth Wilcox as Verger in training. The average service attendance is 21 with the average donation of \$60.

The committee expressed need for permanent signage since the service is ongoing and has become a part of our regular Sunday worship schedule. This would include sign for outside as well as inside as the venue changes from the Nave to the Adams Room from time to time. Doris Burton will forward the name of sign maker to the committee. The committee also asked for continued vestry support in attending the services, encouraging others to attend, and providing periodic feedback. *(Copy of the report is attached.)*

4. **Outreach Committee Fundraising Request** – The Outreach Committee presented a fundraising application to buy food store cards. This is a one-time, two-week long collection (6/27-7/11). They are asking for \$25 or \$50 gift cards, but any amount will be accepted. They plan to use the pledge pillar and will unload it each Sunday. Vicki Street moved to approved their application; Marilu Sherer seconded; and the vote carried. *(Copy of the report is attached.)*

5. **Capital Campaign Discernment Process Steering Committee.** Committee members Jane Rutherford and Doris Burton attended. They reported over 150 adults participated in three process meetings and generated 1001 dreams. The Steering Committee will next meet on Thursday, June 24 to select smaller group of items we might want to do and go to the architect on this. They will also ask possible contractors for estimated costs. They will come to the July 28 Vestry Meeting to determine if the Vestry wants to go ahead with feasibility study. General discussion followed.

## 6. Officer Reports

a. Register - Presentation of the May 16 Minutes. Bill Dickinson moved to accept the minutes, Cecilia Monahan seconded and the motion carried.

b. Treasurer's Report. There were no questions. Vicki Street moved to accept the report; Mary Lee Watts seconded and the motion carried. *(Copy of the report is attached.)*

c. Junior Warden's Report. Kenn Allen reported that contractor says the bath and shower will be completed by July 1. Paul Abernathy said that the Outreach Committee would consider what do with the new bathroom at other times.

### d. Senior Warden's Report

- Website continues to be finalized. There will be a blessing of the website on Sunday the 27. It will be operational at that time but not all up. It has a provision for PayPal for class registration & free will donations. There will be restricted area for finance and membership data.
- Interest in a candidate forum. After Vincent Grey's visit to a recent pub lunch, we are seeing if there is interest in candidate forum. A parishioner interested in doing it for Democratic primary in early September. Paul Abernathy and Kenn Allen do not think it will work out this year but it was note worthy that there was interest in doing it at a future date.
- Report from spring Christian Ed dinners. Paul and Kenn have received the report from Pete Eveleth and Betty Foster and will send it to the parish in the next week.

### e. Updates

- Music Director Search. The Committee is hard at work. There were 24 applications received. Each was reviewed by at least two committee members. Six are very interesting and four look good. When the Committee gets down to three or four the choir will work with each applicant and respond. Still on schedule to bring the new Director of Music on board in September.

- Oral Announcements at 11:15 service. The test is July through October – to move the announcements after the post communion prayer at the 11:15 service. It is to see if the change will lessen the disruption of flow of service.
- Receipt of Report on CRHRI Fundraising Pub Lunch & Silent Auction accepted. (*Copy of the report is attached.*)
- Liaison Reports. (*Copy of the reports is attached.*)

7. **What's New?** The Search Committee for next Bishop of Washington will hold one of several meetings at St. Mark's on June 27. Susan Pinkerton will be on vacation July 14 – 28 and Paul Abernathy will be on vacation the month of August. The next Vestry meeting is July 28 at 6 pm. and there is no meeting in August.

8. **What Needs Attention?** Rick Hayes reported the church storage space behind the stage is very full and dangerous. Rick will notify the Junior Warden.

9. **Parish Picnic Planning.** Paul & Kenn suggested Sept 5 following one service at 10 o'clock on the Labor Day weekend. We need someone to coordinate.

10. **Motion to Adjourn.** Marilu Sherer moved and Cecilia Monahan seconded to adjourn. It carried at 3:30 pm.

11. Raiford Gaffney gave the closing prayer.