

FINAL MINUTES OF THE VESTRY  
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, CAPITOL HILL  
May 16, 2010

**Present:**

Clergy:	Paul Roberts Abernathy, Rector Susan Beth Pinkerton, Assistant Rector
Wardens:	Kenn Allen, Senior Warden John Sedgewick, Junior Warden
Vestry Members:	Joe Calizo, Ed Corr, Bill Dickinson, Cecilia Monahan, Marilu Sherer, and Susan Thompson.
Register:	Raiford Gaffney
Treasurer:	Kathryn Powers
<b>Absent:</b>	Rick Hayes, Vicki Street, and Mary Lee Watts - Vestry Members 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 May 16, 2010 in the Adams Room in the Undercroft of St. Mark's Church.
2. Marilu Sherer read the opening prayer of Mary Lee Watts who was unable to attend.
3. **Fundraising Application for Samaritan Ministries.** Gretchen Willson & Youth Director Megan Courtney attended the meeting. Penny Hansen and Gretchen are StM's representatives to Samaritan Ministry and request approval from the vestry to conduct a Samaritan Ministry mini-Walk for the Homeless in October in support of the larger region-wide Walk. The fees are \$15 for youth under 25 and \$25 adult. Each participant will receive a tee shirt. The vestry approved the event for 2010 and suggested Gretchen and Penny go to the Outreach Board for future events.
4. **Discussion with Parish Life Pillar.** Pillar Kristi Kubista-Hovis reported on the status of groups under the Parish Life Pillar.  
The 20's and 30's Group (Young Professionals) are active and successful. They hold bi-monthly potlucks with usually 5 to 30 people; hosted a class in personal finances and spirituality that drew from over five churches. One vestry member and four pillars are 20's & 30's as well as many others in leadership positions. Newcomers who express an interest in the 20s and 30s group are enrolled in the group's own yahoo group.

The Movie Group is hosting its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary on May 20. There are usually 10 to 20 people at each screening.

Women to Women had a successful year with two events each with 60 participants plus one smaller event and a clothing drive.

Pub Lunch has been successful with few problems. Discussion was held about the concerns raised by the appearance of Vincent Gray at Pub Lunch on May 9. The Vestry concurred in the informal self-monitoring policy that when parishioners are planning a program at Pub Lunch they use the “whiff test” – that is, if it smells like partisan politics or relates to candidates and election, they should run it past the Rector and/or Senior Warden for reaction.

Coffee Hour has been very successful. Although the church supports the costs, most hosts are donating their costs.

The Third Agers doing great and are very active. They have already scheduled their meetings for the following year.

Two groups that are currently inactive are Men to Men and Lambda Lions (gays and lesbians). The Vestry discussed the reality that these activities may reach the end of their national run if no one steps up to sustain them. Marilu Sherer suggested we might compile a list of available mentors.

5. **Executive Session.** An executive session was held to consider the elevation of Susan Pinkerton from Assistant to Associate Rector. The financial impact is a ten percent increase in compensation + pension. Bill Dickinson made a motion to approve with a second by Cecilia Monahan. It carried.

## 6. **Officer Reports**

Register - Presentation of the April 18 Minutes. Celica Monahan moved and Marilu Sherer seconded a motion to approve the draft minutes. It carried.

Treasurer. Kathryn Powers reported that we have less income than past year and that the budget is bare bones with no place to cut. Marilu Sherer moved and Cecelia Monahan moved that the report be accepted. It passed.

Junior Warden. Shower Update. Ed Corr reported that he expects the City to cut permits next week and the contractor is to be on-site May 23. The new space will be completed before the July 1 start of the Shelter Project.

### Senior Warden.

Scilla Adams volunteered to assume responsibility for organizing and managing our advisory councils.

Extension of the terms of four members of the Endowment Board. Penny Hansen, David Willson, Jon Edwards, and Will Long have agreed to extend their terms until July 1011. Cecilia Monahan moved to extend these four terms until July 2011, Marilu Sherer seconded and the motion carried.

Update on the web site. Work is well underway. The Senior Warden discussed support for development of the web site with the Endowment Committee. The proposal for Endowment

funding of website development costs of approximately \$6000 was moved by Marilu Sherer, seconded by Joe Calizo and carried.

Discussion with the Endowment Board re return of unused funds. \$3100 unspent from the 2008 grant to the St. Mark's Concert Series will be returned to the Endowment with the understanding that the money will remain available for future requests related to the Arts. There were no objections.

Fifth Washington Early Music Festival in June at St. Mark's. The Vestry approved the in-kind contribution of St. Mark's space for the festival and waived the requirement that they secure their own insurance.

## 7. Updates

Capital Campaign Discernment Process. Kenn Allen reported that today is formal end to dream catching. The focus of Shrine Mont will be on dreams, community engagement, and building studies. Paul Abernathy will lead 90-minute session similar to Shrine Mont at the June 13 pub lunch. In addition, there will be a parish meeting on following June 16. They expect to have a report for the June 20 Vestry Meeting with the goal of having a Vestry decision by July 31 on whether to go forward.

Music Director Search. Have 21 applications to-date with a closing date of June 1.

Oral Announcements. Kenn Allen, Paul Abernathy, and Jan Lipscomb will come up with options for placement within the 11:15 service. There will probably be a trial period from July through October. The 10 o'clock announcement time seems to be as best as we can do for 9 o'clock Eucharist and 10 o'clock Sermon Seminar.

Liaison Reports. Paul Abernathy will be the vestry liaison to Outreach. Cecelia Monahan reported there was no burning news in the Arts. Marilu Sherer reported that Race and Reconciliation is working with consultant and will get together on a Saturday in June to develop the next steps. Joe Calizo reported that planning for the Youth Honduras trip is doing well.

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

9. A motion to Adjourn was moved by Bill Dickinson and seconded by Cecelia Monahan and passed at 3:30 p.m.

10. Marilu Sherer offered a Closing Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Raiford Gaffney  
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Attachments: