

# MINUTES OF VESTRY ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

November 13, 2010  
St. George's Chapel, Harbeson, Delaware

## Present:

Clergy: Paul Roberts Abernathy, Rector,  
Susan Pinkerton, Associate Rector

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

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

Treasurer: Kathryn Powers

Counsel: Michael Knipe

Register: Raiford Gaffney

1. Paul Abernathy, Rector and Chair of the Vestry, called the meeting of St. Mark's Vestry to order at 5:05 pm on October 12, 2010 at St. George's Chapel, Harbeson, Delaware.

2. **Hazel Baker Memorial.** Doris Burton invited the vestry to approve a fundraising plan to contribute to a purse to be sent to Erasmus Darwin House, on the close of Lichfield Cathedral, in memory of Dr. Hazel Baker. Dr. Darwin's House is a museum commemorating the life of Charles Darwin's grandfather and whose own work led to the theories and work of his more illustrious grandson. Because of Dr. Baker's work in science and medicine, the establishment of the museum was something she and her late husband, Chris, were very committed to. The invitations to contribute would appear in the announcements portion of the bulletin; Doris would make oral announcements, and emails will be sent directly to those people Doris believes would like to contribute. An electronic vote will be taken at a later date.

3. **Health insurance for staff.** Kenn Allen noted that by December 31, 2012, all Episcopal Dioceses would have a single health plan with compulsory participation. As a transition, the Episcopal Diocese of Washington is adding an "80/60" plan. St. Mark's will pay less with employees paying more. The St. Mark's Finance Committee recommends that we go to the 80/60 plan starting in 2011. Vicki Street moved that we adopt the diocese/s 80/60 coverage for all employees with Cecelia Monahan making the second. The motion carried unanimously.

4. **Capital Campaign.** Our consultant, the Episcopal Church Foundation, analyzed the results of the Feasibility Study and concluded that St. Mark's could raise approximately \$1.3 million. Marilu Sherer moved and Susan Thompson seconded that we go move forward with a capital campaign in the fall of

2011. The motion passed unanimously. Kenn Allen moved and Susan Thompson seconded a motion that it is the sense of the vestry that we do not intend to renovate Baxter House as part of the Capital campaign. The motion carried unanimously. Susan Thompson moved that we sell Baxter House as part of the capital campaign. The motion was seconded by John Sedgewick and carried unanimously.

5. **Canvass.** Canvass Co-Chair Bill Dickinson reported that as of November 12, 101 pledges have been received in the amount of approximately \$295,000. There will be a talent show sponsored by the canvass on November 20.

6. **Motion to Adjourn.** Rick Hayes moved to adjourn; Vicki Street seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 pm.

B. Raiford Gaffney  
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