

MINUTES OF ST. MARK'S VESTRY MEETING

October 10, 2010
Adams Room

Present:

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

Wardens: Kenn Allen, Senior Warden

Vestry Members: Joe Calizo, Ed Corr, Bill Dickinson, Rick Hayes, Marilu Sherer,
Susan Thompson, Rick Hayes, Vicki Street,

Treasurer: Kathryn Powers

Register: Raiford Gaffney

Absent: John Sedgewick, Junior Warden; Michael Knipe, Counsel; Cecilia Monahan,
Mary Lee Watts

1. Paul Abernathy, Rector and Chair of the Vestry, called the meeting of the St. Mark's Vestry to order at 1:20 pm on October 10, 2010 in the Adams Room.
2. Joe Calizo gave the opening prayer.
3. **Congregation-Based Shelter Ministry.** Stephanie Deutsch gave a final report on the July and August Shelter Project on behalf of Co-Chair Elizabeth Becker. There will little glitches but nothing went wrong. There was new leadership at CHGM managing the program who were easy to work with. About 100 people participated during the two months. The new shelter bathroom cost \$18,500 and 100 people made donations. Stephanie and Elizabeth are stepping down so new leadership will be needed next year. Paul thanked Stephanie for their hard work. (*Reports included*)
4. **Youth & Family Ministry.** Youth Director Megan Courtney gave a status report and provided a calendar of youth activities for the school year. (*Calendar included*)
5. **Vestry Actions**
 - a. Marilu Sherer made a motion to appoint Beth Mahood as member and treasurer of the Endowment Board. It was seconded by Bill Dickinson. The motion passed.
 - b. Paul Abernathy noted that Otis Gaddis is a postulant for candidacy to Holy Orders in the Diocese of Washington. Susan Thompson made a motion to endorse this Candidacy and Marilu Sherer seconded the motion. The motion passed. (*Endorsement included*)

6. Officer Reports

- a. Register - Presentation of the September 12 Minutes. Joe Calizo moved that the Minutes of the September 12, 2010 Vestry Meeting be approved. Marilu Sherer seconded the motion and the minutes were approved. (*included*)
- b. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Kathryn Powers reported St. Mark's is doing all right and that the financial statements are not available this early in the month. Vicki Street moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, Marilu Sherer seconded and the motion passed.

7. Warden Reports

- a. Junior Warden's Report - John Sedgewick distributed a written Junior Warden's report. (*Report included*)
- b. Senior Warden's Report - Kenn Allen gave the following report:
 1. *The Capital Campaign Feasibility* mailing was prepared at the end of the meeting.
 2. *Vestry/Pillar Fall Retreat.* Cecelia Monahan is handling the logistics and a schedule will be emailed. As the Pillars will be at the meeting, there will be no printed pillar liaison report. The Episcopal Church Foundation consultant will be at the meeting on Saturday to discuss the feasibility study results. There may be a formal vestry meeting at the end of the retreat.
 3. *Review and Revision of the Rector's Letter of Agreement and Mutual Ministry Review.* As a result of the vestry approval in September, two potential candidates have been interviewed. Paul and Kenn have selected Rev. Frank Dunn of St. Stephens & Incarnation. There is a flat fee of \$1200 for the formal process.
 4. *March 17, 2002 fundraising resolution, then amended a couple of years ago.* Kenn has an offer from anonymous parishioner to rehabilitation of wrought iron fence surrounding St. Mark's. The cost is \$4500 of which the donor would contribute \$3000. The Historical Preservation fund, setup to honor Linda Barnes would provide the remaining \$1500. Marilu Sherer moved to accept the special offering of \$3000 for renovation of the fence and Rick Hayes seconded the motion. It passed. Kenn will give thanks back to the anonymous donor.
- c. Rector's Report - Paul Abernathy reported that former Parishioner Anne Craig reported that Roger Craig left a \$12,500 bequest to St. Mark's. It is to be used for a specific project that Anne will choose from the Historical Preservation Fund. There will be a be a memorial service for Roger on November 27 at 2 pm.

8. Report from 9/26 Sermon Seminar and Pub Lunch discussions re capital campaign and status of the feasibility study. Kenn said that Mike Townsend is processing the questions and recommending possible follow-up. There were very favorable comments from the table notes. Concerns were world economics and the challenge to do capital campaign with struggling with annual canvass. There were no

problems expressed in selling Baxter house. The Consultant will interview 23 people plus 9 additional telephone interviews. Two mailings will go out - 40 with hardcopy surveys and 300 with a link to the online survey. Responses are due October 25.

8. **Update on the Canvass.** Co-Chair Bill Dickinson reported that he has met with Co-Chair Erica several times and with Susan Block on mechanics. The Canvass will roll out on October 17 with the canvass sermon. The parish mailing will follow the next week. There will be a Talent Show Event on November 20 a completed pledge card as the ticket of admission. Bill reported it takes \$2000 per day to keep St. Mark's doors open \$2000.

9. **Vestry Liaison Reports** (*Reports included*)

10. **What's New; What Needs Attention? What's Working? Who needs Acknowledgment?** The choir speaker issue has been resolved.

11. **Motion to Adjourn** - Vicki Street made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Marilu Sherer. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.

12. Susan Thompson gave the closing prayer.