

# Minutes of the Vestry

St. Mark's Church, Capitol Hill  
March 20, 2010  
Home of Kathryn Powers

## Present:

Clergy: Paul Roberts Abernathy, Rector  
Susan Beth Pinkerton, Assistant Rector

Warden: Kenn Allen, Senior Warden

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

Register: Raiford Gaffney

## Absent:

Vestry: Susan Thompson  
Warden: John Sedgewick, Junior Warden  
Treasurer: Kathryn Powers

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## Agenda

1. Kenn Allen, Senior Warden, called to order the meeting of St. Mark's Vestry at approximately 4:00 pm during the Vestry Spring Retreat.

### 2. Register's Report

The Register presented the minutes of the March 6 meeting that had been recorded by outgoing Register Greg Niblett. A motion was made and seconded, and passed to accept the minutes as presented.

3. **2010 Housing Allowance Allotments for Paul Abernathy and Susan Pinkerton.** The Vestry approved 2010 housing allotments for Paul Abernathy and Susan Pinkerton. This is an annual split of clergy salaries between salary and housing allowance, consistent with IRS policy that allows for different tax treatment for clergy housing allowances. Paul's 2010 housing allowance was approved at \$58,053 (fifty-eight thousand fifty-three dollars) (46.4%) and Susan's allowance was approved at \$28,560 (twenty-eight thousand five-hundred-sixty dollars) (47.6%).

4. **Consideration of Fund-Raising Request re Haiti.** An application for fundraising activity/event by parishioner Jessica Sauer was discussed. It is for a silent auction in conjunction with a pub lunch to raise funds to send to Salesian Missions, a non-profit in Haiti dedicated to improving the lives of children and youth through education. The sponsoring organization is Conflict Resolution Haiti Relief Initiative (CRHRI) at Georgetown University. CRHRI will be responsible for sending receipts to St. Mark's donors and no money will pass through St. Mark's. Jessica will work out the details of how to do a pub lunch with Linda Huntington (the Pub Lunch Coordinator) and, as needed, with Crane Miller (Pub Treasurer) and Rick Weber (Pub Steward). The only concern raised by the Vestry is that St. Mark's is scheduled to do Wake Up the Earth (WUTE), the biennial fund-raiser that supports our work in Honduras, on Saturday, April 10. WUTE's silent auction is the primary way they raise funds that evening. There is a major effort underway now to solicit auction items from members of the parish. Jessica's organization will not be soliciting silent auction items from the parish. Michael Knipe moved that Jessica's requested be approved, Vicki Street seconded the motion and it was carried.
5. **Receipt of Report on Alternative Gift Fair Fund-Raising.** A report on the December 2009 Alternative Gift Fair fund-raising was submitted by Grace O'Neil, co-chair of the Outreach Board. St. Members gave gifts in honor of others for a total amount of \$4230 for four charities: Capitol Hill Group Ministry - \$305; Action for Community Transformation (ACT) - \$595; Heifer Project International - \$1870; and World Neighbors - \$1460.
6. A motion to adjourn was offered, seconded, and passed at approximately 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

B. Raiford Gaffney  
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