

**MINUTES OF ST. MARK'S VESTRY MEETING  
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, WASHINGTON, DC**

**PRESENT:**

- Clergy: Paul Abernathy, Rector
- Wardens: Cecilia Monahan, Senior Warden; Phil Guire, Junior Warden
- Vestry Members: Bill Dickinson, Rick Hayes, Amy Kovac-Ashley, Charlotte Murray, Marilu Sherer, Jim Steed, Pam Lacey, Janet Vail
- Officers: Crane Miller, Treasurer; Mary Cooper, Register; Susan Sedgewick, Munciple Co-ordinator
- Absent: Justi Schunior, Associate Rector; Grady Hedgespeth, Vestry Member; Yann van Geertruyden, Assistant Treasurer

Prior to the Vestry meeting, there was an open meeting to which all parishioners were invited. About 40 people attended in addition to the Vestry and participated in a lengthy discussion.

Members of the Vision 2020 Steering Committee outlined the process by which the parish had developed plans and reached conclusions to date. They described the base design for renovation of the parish hall, as well as additional phases that would be added as funding becomes available.

It was reported that the total cost is now estimated at \$5.2 million. Available funding currently consists of \$1.8 million in pledges, \$1.1 million from the sale of Baxter House, and a \$1 million line of credit. Additional funds will need to be raised from parishioners who have not yet pledged, new members, and those who have already pledged and are willing to increase their gifts.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Following the parish meeting, the Vestry went into Executive Session, at which the following decisions were made:

1. REGARDING THE BASE DESIGN

Add the east elevation window well and high SEER equipment to the base design.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

2. REGARDING THE BASE DESIGN

Approve going forward with the base design as amended by 1 above.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

3. REGARDING ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS

The Vestry recommends that the following be done as funds become available:

the proposed projects related to: finishing the undercroft; kitchen; sprinkler system; and vesting area/sacristy.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

4. REGARDING FINANCING

Approved the transfer of \$500,000 (from the sale of the rectory) from the Endowment Fund to use for financing the Vision 2020 Project, with the funds to be transferred immediately to the Vision 2020 Campaign account. The issue of repayment is to be considered at a later date.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

5. REGARDING PERMITS

Approve empowering the Vision 2020 Steering Committee to begin the permitting process for all states of the Vision 2020 project base plan and all alternatives.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

Junior Warden Phil Guire requested that the consultant who developed the report on fire safety be invited to come to the next Vestry meeting.

The meeting was closed with prayer by the Rector.

Submitted by  
Mary Anderson Cooper, Register