

St. Mark's EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Capitol Hill

3rd & A Sts SE,
Washington, DC



Minutes of the Vestry Meeting

Sunday, February 19, 2017

1:15 p.m.

Present:

Clergy:

The Rev. Michele Morgan, Rector
The Rev. R. Justice Schunior, Associate Rector

Wardens:

Peter Sherer, Senior Warden

Vestry Members:

Stephen Dalzell, Thia Hamilton, Fritz Henn; Martha Huizenga, Doug Jackson, Beth Mahood, Karen Wiedemann

Officers:

Martha Huizenga, Treasurer; Mary Anderson Cooper, Register

Absent:

Doris Muller-Burton, Junior Warden; Vestry Member Stephanie Deutsch; Manciple Jack Burton; Michael Knipe, Counsel

Visitor:

Raiford Gaffney

The Rector presided at the meeting.

The Opening Prayer was offered by Steve Dalzell.

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT:

The Senior Warden moved that John Edwards be appointed Assistant Treasurer. Fritz Henn seconded.

The Vestry

APPROVED.

The Senior Warden reported that he and the Treasurer had signed paperwork for financing the mortgage on the church at 4 ½% for five years. A capital campaign will be required, with a goal of paying off the mortgage within five years.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer reported that the deficit for 2016 was \$4700, which is less than expected. More income was received from solar credits than had been anticipated and some accounts spent less than expected. Attendance is going up, a positive sign.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Director of Youth and Family Ministries was absent because she was on a ski trip with the youth. The Confirmation Class has eight mentors and eight young people being presented for confirmation.

The Associate Rector submitted a written report prior to the meeting concerning the complex process of data conversion to modernize data management within the parish.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual Parish Meeting: There are eight candidates for four Vestry slots (a single one-year term and three three-year terms). Photos and profiles are being gathered and will be posted on the website and in the foyer.

Outreach Committee: The Committee has a source for three-language (English, Spanish, Arabic) yard signs welcoming neighbors. They requested permission to sell the signs, with the proceeds to go toward assisting refugee families being resettled in the area. Fritz Henn moved that this proposal be approved. The Senior Warden seconded, and the Vestry **APPROVED.**

The Rector announced that the staff is working on ways to handle announcements. The bulletins are long in part because there are many announcements, some of which are duplicate or obsolete materials. One possibility is to put announcements on a page that is separate from the worship bulletin, which people can take if they wish to. Raiford Gaffney commented that the Answering Angels would probably be glad to proofread the announcements to help with identifying duplications.

The regular business having been concluded, the Vestry went into Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anderson Cooper, Register