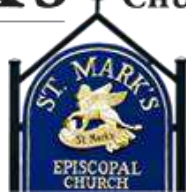


St. Mark's EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Capitol Hill

3rd & A Sts SE,
Washington, DC



Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
Saturday, March 19, 2016
10:00 a.m.

Present:

Wardens: Peter Sherer, Senior Warden
Doris Muller-Burton, Junior Warden

Vestry Members: Beth Mahood, Stephen Dalzell, Thia Hamilton, Martha Huizenga, Doug Jackson,
Karen Wiedemann

Officers: Mary Anderson Cooper, Register; Andrew Stafford. Treasurer; Jack Burton,
Manciple; Michael Knipe, Counsel

Absent: Vestry Members Stephanie Deutsch, Fritz Henn and Christina White; The Rev.
Michele Morgan, Priest-in-Charge; The Rev. Justi Schunior, Associate Rector.

I. Call to Order

The Senior Warden called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. It followed a retreat during which new Vestry Members received orientation and had an opportunity to get to know continuing members.

Minutes of the February meeting were approved by electronic vote prior to this meeting.

The Senior Warden announced that he had excused the clergy from attending, given the demands of preparation for a very busy Holy Week.

II. The opening prayer was offered by Jack Burton.

III. Vestry Check-in - Members reported on events in their personal and professional lives.

IV. Treasurer's Report – submitted electronically prior to the meeting. The new accounting consultant is Amy McPherson, principal of Accounting for Change.

V. Senior Warden's Report

- A. Update on photographing adults and children of the parish: There was no new action. One option is to allow photography at any event where people wish to photograph. Another is to limit events that can be covered.

- B. Gift for Ed Green and staff. Green's Maintenance ends their relationship with St. Mark's April 17 after several decades of service cleaning our buildings. The Junior Warden moved, seconded by several Vestry Members, that the Vestry be allowed to collect a purse for the three members of the Green team for distribution at a service where they will be recognized on April 17.

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VI. Junior Warden's Report

The Junior Warden's Report was submitted in writing prior to the meeting. Doris Burton reported that the cherry blossom mural at the end of Baxter Hall is being made more visible by the insertion of white paper between the wooden sliding wall and the front cover of it. The walls were supposed to have been white initially but were darker than ordered when they were installed. She distributed a picture of the Suella Henn memorial camellia bush's blossoms which had just opened.

VII. Standing Committee Reports

Youth and Family Ministries: There will be a Holy Saturday event for families. A middle-school lock-in and a teen retreat are upcoming. For this summer, Caroline and her team are working on developing programs to keep families engaged over the summer. Jack Burton suggested asking the parish to suggest special one-time programs that they would like to have. The Senior Warden suggested meeting with Catechesis families for this purpose. Some families have said that the 9 a.m. service is too long for those who bring children because the youngsters get fidgety. They would like to have summer activities for the children so that the adults don't just drop out for the summer.

Membership: The Committee is working on bringing back name tags and adding more greeters. Having the newcomer form on the back of the bulletin is working well, with several forms being received each week. Michele Morgan contacts people who return forms and offers to meet with them as desired.

Communications: Thia Hamilton and Martha Huizenga are working with others to refresh the look and feel of the website, harnessing the power of the internet to draw people to the site. They are working with a group that is experienced in helping churches. Content will be gathered through the pillars, with a focus on appealing to church shoppers as well as providing information to parishioners.

VIII. What's Working/What's Not

Annual Parish Meeting: There was discussion of the best timing for holding the Annual Parish Meeting so people from all three services can attend. It was suggested that there be one service at 11 (instead of 10, as was done this year), followed by the APM. Past experimentation with other times has shown that there is no ideal time. Evening meetings are difficult for older members and those with young children, while Sunday meetings cut into family time but so far have attracted larger attendance than evening meetings.

Possible schedule adjustment for evening service: There is consideration of adjusting the timing of the service to include a family Eucharist at 4:30, followed by a contemplative service at 5, with activities for children during that period.

- IX. Closing Prayer was offered by Martha Huizenga, followed by adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anderson Cooper, Register