

St. Martin's-in-the-Fields
Vestry Minutes
01-15-2008

Present: Bob Askins, Joey Broussard, Fr. Furman Buchannon, Gwen Geidel, Jim Maass, Jack Myers, Chad Poteat, Esther Richey, Robin Smith, Gus Strasburger, El Thompson. **Absent:** Ed Kellett, Andrew Todd

Also attending: Michael Conner

Opening Reflection/Prayer

Furman: Jan. 18 we mark the confession of St Peter; occurs one week before the conversion of St Paul – the week between is the period of Christian unity.

Call to Order: 6:25 PM

Gwen welcomed all to the meeting and thanked Robin for the new note cards he designed and provided.

Furman provided updates on parishioners who may be in need of pastoral care and received volunteers for note writing. We had a few moments of personal sharing.

Minutes approved: Gwen motioned; Robin seconded.

Worship

Worship committee has mapped out plans for worship through Lent 5.

Furman's schedule: Tim is away this Sunday, both he and Chuck will be with us in Kanuga
Bill White will preach and celebrate Jan 27

Furman will be away February second – accompanying the RSCM choirs to the National Cathedral;
Chuck and Tim will be here

Furman will be away on vacation 2/14-2/21; Chuck and Tim will be here

We need to requisition a priest to be available pastorally that week; Furman will inquire, cost should be modest

Save the date

Sat. March 1st – quiet day at St. Martin's; simple reflections, walk the labyrinth

Mardis Gras plans are in place; Fred Huiett is chair person

Search Process

We must decide whether to pursue an expedited search process or a traditional search .

Gus motioned that we pursue the expedited search process.

Discussion followed concerning the need for breathing space: grieving loss of Rector; where are we as a vestry ; and where the church is emotionally and spiritually.

Robin called the question. Motion for expedited search passed unanimously.

Gwen reiterated that the process will not begin until after February 1. The vestry will need to vote on the composition of the search committee, but a slate will not be presented until February.

Membership Development

Newcomer's party was a success, Robin reported great response

Registration looks good for the Kanuga Parish Weekend – 130 plus registrants

Requests for scholarship are coming in very late. We need to be crystal clear next year on deadlines and expectations; guidelines for receiving scholarship funds.

Christian Formation

Taylor Gepper will cover nursery for 90 days

Will ask Pat Townsend to do Christian Education for 90 days

Robin and Gus talked with Pat – she wants to meet with the committee to see if they really want what she has to offer.

Pastoral Care

Mary Clark has volunteered to assist Furman in coordinating pastoral care one day a week.

Outreach

Haiti - We discussed the need to clarify our commitment to the Haiti mission. The \$5000 annual commitment has not been met for 2007. This is a non-budgeted item to be handled through fundraising projects such as *The Bishop of Brindisi* or *Amol and the Night Visitor*. Furman indicated that we should talk with Tim Ervolina.

Crayton - the program has had a successful pilot year and the participants are interested in continuing. There is a need to identify new leaders to shepherd the program.

Additional Items

Financial Report

We will continue to operate on a 2007 budget until new budget is ready

The Junior Warden reported that we may need to replace 2 - 7.5 thousand ton systems in education wing; only one is working. Received bids for furnace: approx. \$11K. Do we replace? Wait for capital campaign? Will investigate options and report back later.

Sound system: Robin reported that a consultant came in and helped us determine that the amplifier had not been working properly for some time. Now we have sound – “pretty sound,” but need to replace lectern microphone and we are down to two wireless microphones. Robin will get prices on for new/replacements microphones.

Administration

Michael Conner has put together an outline of office procedures and a daily schedule

Closed with prayer

Adjourned 8:15