

ST. MARTIN'S-IN-THE-FIELDS
VESTRY MINUTES
17 July 2007

PRESENT: Ann Braithwaite, Furman Buchanan, Michael Bullock, Gwen Geidel, Ed Kellett, Chuck Meehan, Jack Myers, Esther Richey, Robin Smith, Garfield Stuart, and Andrew Todd. **ABSENT:** Jim Maass, Bosie McElveen, and Chad Poteat

OPENING REFLECTION/PRAYER

Father Michael called the meeting to order and set a context for a reflection on William White, the first presiding bishop of our church (late 1800s). He said that the *via media* (the middle way) is not a compromise. Fr. Michael read a collect for White.

NOTE WRITING

Members volunteered to write notes to several members.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

The minutes were approved as presented.

RECTOR'S REMARKS/REPORT

- June Sabbatical: Fr. Michael described his experience at the monastery and expressed the difficulty of returning to reality. Michael is not sure of next steps but expects it to unfold.
- Community of Hope: Michael introduced Judy Tighe, who gave an overview. Several churches are setting up pastoral care ministries appropriate to their parishes. Elin Holgren has gone through training; Cathy Aaron and Jane Jannack will be trained in fall. The steering committee will facilitate putting the COH together here and has targeted January as the startup date. Judy encouraged us to think of others for training. Gwen reminded her that the steering committee should come to the vestry with a projection of budget.
- Property and youth proposal that led to triangulation: Michael reminded us to use this process to respond to members who come to us with a problem that involves another person: 1) listen to what person A is saying; 2) encourage person A to talk to person B (the one with whom person A has a problem); and 3) tell person B that person A came to you with a problem which involved person B, and that you have encouraged person A to speak to person B.
- Memorial Garden Issues: Michael described the problem with space. Robin suggested moving shrubbery to get over 50 new spaces. Jack and Ed affirmed that there is \$15,000 in the budget designated for maintenance.

PASTORAL CARE

Offering Pastoral Care in Times of Crisis – Large and Small. Michael expressed a need for “Final Affairs” assistance from the leadership. Andrew will bring Al Todd’s book on wills and estate planning. “Final Affairs” date will be scheduled later in the year.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- Directory: Michael thanked Robin Smith and Andrew Todd for taking photos of the membership.
- St. Martin’s needs leadership for growing the membership. Robin and Chuck said they would like to be involved.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

DOCC experience for adult formation will begin September 20 using the Thursday night format used last year. The number of weeks has been reduced from 22 to 16.

OUTREACH: ENGAGING OUR MEMBERS WITH THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD

- Status of Haiti Outreach: *Amahl and the Night Visitors* will be presented December 13-15 instead of the mystery plays that had been planned because other parishes dropped out. Esther explained the difficulty with the production of these plays because of their complexity. Another musical production is being considered. *Joseph and the Technicolor Raincoat* was mentioned as an example of the talent here.
- Capital Campaign Report & Schedule: Pat D’Anna is committed to heading up the capital campaign. Pat will need help.

JUNIOR WARDEN REPORT

Jack reported that the ceiling in the C.E. wing had been repaired.

FINANCIALS

Ed handed out a letter that summarized the financial condition.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Garfield reported that the qualifications of vestry members were in “The Messenger.” The committee will meet soon.

OTHER

- Beth Ann Clevenger will not be working at St. Martin’s on a permanent basis. Furman and Michael are looking for the right person to replace Betsy.
- Garfield mentioned VIC issues of running out of programs, air too cold in the CE wing, the need to hand out prayers, and additional ushers needed.

ADJOURNMENT