

ST. MARTIN'S-IN-THE-FIELDS
VESTRY MINUTES
September 18, 2007
(Amended)

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

OPENING REFLECTION/PRAYER

Father Michael reviewed the meaning of the icon used in the church and its symbols. The Ionic cross from Iona, the center of culture and faith (St. Martin's cross), the ellipse—a sign of the intersection of the Divine and the human, the color blue for Mary, the God-bearer, and the depictions of several members of the parish, representing the total body. Michael reminded us of the icon principles of identify, discernment, response, and transformation as markers on the compass. He followed this with an opening prayer.

The group divided up names of several parishioners in order to send pastoral notes.

MINUTES

The August vestry meeting minutes were approved.

RECTOR'S REPORT

- New Administrative Assistant, Michael Conner, is starting. Michael encouraged the group to get acquainted with him.
- Michael accepted Sandy Morrison's resignation. September 30, he will meet with board to evaluate what has been learned.
- When asked, Michael revisited the idea of administrative assistant who was good at community building, but the group decided we could not afford her at this time.
- Michael thanked Robin, Marnie, Paul, and Andrew for working on the directory.
- 290 visited during jazz mass and it was a success. Dick Goodwin will play again next year and create a special jazz mass for our parish.
- September 23 will be a normal service with contemporary music.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

- Group met and discussed Christmas and Lent and the themes that will be followed for sermons:
 - October 7, Mark Clevenger on stewardship of our priorities
 - October 14, stewardship of our wealth
 - October 21, Healing Liturgy (our brokenness and the stewardship of our souls, bodies, and lives)
 - October 28, stewardship of church and world
 - November 4, Bishop Henderson will visit and will baptize and confirm—stewardship of our legacy
 - November 11, Annual Meeting—stewardship of our parish.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

- February begins the public phase.
- Michael met with architects to discuss a \$2M vision that is phase-able and addresses formation and outreach needs of the parish.
- New plan will focus on facility for outreach with Crayton, nursery, and formation. Youth House will be removed. Architects: \$4,000 for revision of

the blueprint. We discussed having spent \$33,000 for the master plan. Michael asked us to think about the proposal, and he will poll the vestry within the next few days.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- Reviewing by-laws is essential. Gwen suggested Tom Stepp be involved with this. Chuck proposed using new administrator to help.
- Michael proposed reshaping the budget to reflect the five focus areas.
- Chuck suggested reestablishing the boards and having them reappointed each year because the vestry needs to understand the organization of these groups. Chuck added that for the sake of consistency there is a need for a policy to cross walk the nomenclature in the by-laws (e.g., “commissions” and “committees”) with the way we currently operate (“boards”).
- Michael asked that we look at four areas of responsibility regarding each Advisory Committee. Vestry provides goals, and boards are expected to follow through. When boards meet, the executive committee needs to be told.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

- Nancy Boyle kicked off Formation, and DOCC begins Thursday.
- October 12-13: adult enquirers class (5-12 people)
- Furman reported that St. Albans Room has been transformed with the help of many and that Greg Pipkin is helping with program.
- Took ten teens and parents to Atlanta, and eight kids are going to Gravatt Retreat at end of month.
- September 30, confirmation class begins and will meet every other Sunday until around Lent.

PASTORAL CARE

- Community of Hope meeting at Judy Tighe's. Michael met with group to plan. Pastoral care of LEMs is continuing.

OUTREACH

- Crayton After School girls are meeting at Youth House. Need lockable cabinet and table for doing homework.
- Ed found that the Grenada check was sent and not cashed.
- Tim Ervolina will jump-start a board for outreach.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- Garfield reported that four have said yes and five have said maybe.

FINANCIALS

- A \$3,000-\$6,000 deficit is projected for the year.
- We owe \$65,000 back to designated funds for money borrowed to cover HVAC, chairs, and cash flow.
- If pledges come in, the \$80,000 deficit will be made up.
- Music is over budget (\$2,730 for salary for Pam Hair was not put in the budget and needs to be a line item but is under section leaders.
- People have to honor pledges. \$56,000 reneged on pledges. Need to deal with in a constructive, direct way.
- Gwen brought up hospitality ministry to ask the question how we can provide the ministry and what we have lost without it.

ADJOURNMENT—8:05 P.M. with prayer