

## Martin's-in-the-Fields

### Vestry Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2018

**Welcome and Call to Order-** Rev. Mitch Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. He opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Devotion** – Carol McGinnis Kay gave the devotion.

**Drop- In Nursery Report** – Kathy Lentz gave the Drop- In Nursery report. She reported that they have 9 new children since the last Vestry meeting. Kathy reported that they are learning more about the ProCare software that they will be using. She stated that Rachel Langley in the Godly Play workshop at St. Martin's.

**Approval of December Minutes** – Jack Myers made a motion to approve the December minutes. The motion was seconded by Nick Montanez and approved by the Vestry by acclamation.

### **New Business**

- Rev. Mitch Smith made a proposal to promote Susan Prinz from Assisting Priest to Associate Rector. The promotion will be done at a church service with a reception following the service. The promotion was approved by the Vestry by acclamation.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Finance Committee**

- Budget for 2018
  - We ended 2017 \$30,000 under budget. That money has been moved to the Arbor Fund.
  - St. Martin's personnel were given a cost of living increase.
  - Julie Lumpkin made a motion to amend the 2018 St. Martin's Budget under Music category, line item "section leaders". The motion is to add an additional amount of \$3900.00 to line item 37 to cover the stipend for a current section leader, inadvertently omitted. This would increase the section leader line item amount from \$15,600 to \$19,500 and would increase the Music Ministry budget overall from \$22,000 to \$25,900. Carol McGinnis Kay seconded the motion and it was approved by the Vestry by acclamation.
  - Building and Grounds section – The proposed 2018 budget allows \$18,000 for grounds maintenance. This is an increase from the 2017 budget which allowed \$11,000. Victoria is getting bids for grounds maintenance. She would

- like to move to using only The Grounds Guys.
  - Several new line items were pointed out including Congregational Development under Business and Travel Expenses, Flower Fund under Worship, and Outreach.
- After discussion, Jack Myers made a motion to approve the 2018 Budget with a caveat to take bids for grounds maintenance. Carol McGinnis Kay seconded the motion and it was approved by the Vestry by acclamation.

### **Stewardship Committee**

No report

### **Membership and Ministry Committee**

We had a good month with eight visitors and 2 new members and one family as “associate members”. See the 1/16 Membership Report for details.

The New Members party was successful. The committee would like to continue having it someone’s home and keep it small.

### **Building and Grounds Committee/Jr. Warden’s report**

- Alice McCrory gave an update on the audio system. She said that there are a few things pending. One is that a computer line needs to be run from the office to the church. The second is that there are a few loose ends to be tied up. They are waiting on Mr. Gattis to tie things up.
- Committee will have work days on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and February 10<sup>th</sup> to trim/cut back hedge along Clemson and trim/cut back vine growing over wrought iron fence at Memorial Garden.

### **Senior Warden’s Report**

- Bill stated that at the Vestry Retreat we will talk about secession plans for our various committees. We need to think about having term limits. This will allow us to get new people on the committees.

### **Clergy Reports**

- Mitch stated that the Building Fund will be depleted in September of 2019. We need to have a Capitol Campaign. It will be done in January or February of 2019. The goal is to build the endowment to 3 or 4 million dollars. The campaign will stress Plans for the Future – what it means to raise this money. We need to increase the number of pledges that we had for the last campaign.
- Mitch said that we had a great Christmas! The combined attendance at the 3 services on

12/24 was a little over 700.

- We are already thinking about Easter. May add a service on Easter Evening. There will be an instructed Eucharist on the Wednesday before Easter.
- Mitch stated that he continues to feel so blessed to be here and that it is an honor to be here.
- Mitch said that life has been fun! He is looking forward to being with us at Kanuga and at the Vestry Retreat.
- Mitch also said that he is looking forward to this year.

### **Other Business**

The group photo of the Vestry was not taken at the meeting. The Vestry decided to wait and take it at the Vestry Retreat on Feb. 26.

Mitch closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Eleanor Hodges

### **2018 Vestry**

Present: Bob Bell, Bill Case, Cissy Grabowski, Eleanor Hodges, Carol McGinnis-Kay, Jim Lamb, Julie Lumpkin, Alice McCrory, Nick Montanez, Jack Myers, Allison Rashley

Absent: Terri Bailey