

## St. Martin's-in-the-Fields

### Vestry Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2018

**Welcome and Call to Order-** Rev. Mitch Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00. Allison Rashley gave the devotion.

**Drop-In Nursery:** Kathy Lentz gave the DIN report. She reported that 13 new children have registered since we last met. The Drop in participated in St. Martin's VBS. Several of the Drop In children attended VBS and the Drop In provided snacks one day. The Drop In also cared for the children of some of the VBS volunteers at no charge. On July 2<sup>nd</sup> Happy Hal Smith brought his "jalopy" all decorated for the 4<sup>th</sup>. He led the children in patriotic songs and the children piled into the back of the truck. On July 3<sup>rd</sup> our children paraded all around the parish with their hats, whistles, and music. Also, on July 3<sup>rd</sup> Marcos Pizza provided pizza for the staff in appreciation of the Drop In and its service to the Forest Acres Community. The Drop In cares for the Reed family and Andrew is Marketing Director for Marcos. July 12<sup>th</sup> was Pizza Day for the children with pizza from Marcos. On July 17<sup>th</sup> Officer Tumlin of the Forest Acres Police visited with the 3, 4, and 5 year olds and spoke to them about gun safety. More special programs are planned throughout the summer.

**Approval of June Minutes** – The Vestry decided by acclamation to table the approval of the June minutes until the August meeting.

### Invite

#### **Finance Committee**

- Alice McCrory reported that the church is doing very well financially.
- Alice reported that \$150,000 has been transferred from the Designated Transitional Fund to the new Clark Fund.
- Alice also noted that St. Martin's will get 13% credit from S.C.E. & G beginning in August.
- Also, Alice reported that the Drop In continues to do well financially.

#### **Stewardship Committee/Capital Campaign**

- Mitch reported that the Stewardship Committee will be forming. He would like for 2 or 3 Vestry members to be on the committee. He ask the Vestry to prayerfully consider being on the committee.

#### **Mission and Outreach Committee**

**No report**

It was noted that a couple more people are needed on the Mission and Outreach Committee. One should come from the Foundation.

An upcoming project of the Mission and Outreach Committee is Camp AIR. This is a program to help students who are struggling to read get extra help to improve their skills and help them catch up. Jack Myers and Robin Smith are going to make bird feeders with the Camp AIR kids. Also, Jodi Lumpkin is going to speak to the kids about sports.

### **New Business**

Terri Bailey shared with the Vestry information about the Enneagram Conference that will be held at St. Martin's on Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. The conference will be led by Joseph Howell, Ph.D. She encouraged the Vestry to attend.

## **Welcome**

### **Membership and Ministry Committee**

- No report

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

- Julie reported that a new hot water heater has been ordered for the Commons. Hopefully, it will be installed by the first few weeks of August.
- Clayton King has been studying the condensation problem in the ceiling of the Drop In hall in the Commons. He has tried several different measures.
- The Building and Grounds Committee next meeting will be on August 7, 2018. The committee will set dates for Fall workdays at this meeting.
- There was a discussion about getting a termite bond with Modern Exterminating to cover all of the buildings on the campus. Allison Rashley made a motion to table the discussion until the August meeting. Terri Bailey seconded the motion and it was approved by the Vestry by acclamation.

### **Youth Minister's report**

- The Youth Minister's report was briefly reviewed.
- Children's Ministry:
  - Courtney is working on new programming for Children's Chapel for the new school year.
  - We have hired 3 new Sunday Nursery Workers. They will start in mid-August after they have been Safe Church trained.
  - We will have a Welcome/Open House for children and parents at the end of August to learn more about the children's program here at St. Martin's.

- Youth Ministry:
  - EYC COLA to NOLA trip will be July 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>. They will be working with the Rebuild Center, Trinity Loaves and Fishes, NOLA Tree for their service sites. For their afternoon activities they will be going to Mardi Gras World, Cajun Pride Swamp Tour, and the French Quarter. The itinerary is included in the Vestry Packet.

## **Connect**

### **Nominating Committee**

- Bill Case reported that the ministry fairs will be held on August 19<sup>th</sup> and August 24<sup>th</sup>. People will be able to sign up to be on committees at the ministry fairs.

### **Senior Warden's Report**

- Bill reported that the Vestry Forum on July 15<sup>th</sup> went well. He had 2 take a ways from the forum. One is that we need some type of electronic giving. Possibly a Que reader. It was noted that Clayton King is working on electronic giving. The second take a way is that the web site needs to be redone. Eleanor Hodges suggested asking Dottie Moore to help with the web site and that she would talk to her. Alice McCrory suggested an overall assessment of St. Martin's technology including WiFi. Bill suggested setting aside money each month to go towards technology.

### **Clergy Report**

- Mitch noted that it has been a roller coaster week.
- We suffered a profound loss with the death of Jack Fleischer. He is the son of Scott and Victoria Fleischer. Scott is the associate rector at St. John's and Victoria is the former Parish Administrator at St. Martin's.
- Mitch also noted the death of Chuck Petit's mother. Our love and prayers are with the Petit Family.
- Mitch stated that it has been an incredible journey planning officiating the funeral of one of his best friend's father.
- Mitch reported that a new committee will meet this Sunday ( July 22) to organize the Clark Fund. A good group has been put together that knows finance. We will celebrate the Clark Fund in the fall.
- Mitch emphasized how grateful he is to work at St. Martin's.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Eleanor Hodges

### **2017/18 Vestry**

Present: Terri Bailey, Bob Bell, Bill Case, Cissy Grabowski, Eleanor Hodges, Emmett Kirwan, Jim Lamb, Julie Lumpkin, Alice McCrory, Nick Montanez, Jack Myers, Allison Rashley