

**ST. MARTIN IN THE FIELDS CHURCH
IN THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF ATLANTA
MEETING OF THE VESTRY
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2011, 6:30 P.M.**

A Holy Eucharist celebrated by Fr. Graham.

Fr. McCard called the meeting to order. Present were, Fr. McCard, Rector, Fr. Graham, Associate Rector, Bruce Hall, Senior Warden, John Burton, Junior Warden, Sid Oakley, Kathy Evenson, Karen Boor, Randy Hughes, Clerk, Suzanne Snyder, Jake Duffy, Sandy Rose, Treasurer, Becky Short, Sally Perez, Chad Duncan, Suzanne Ford, and Ann Martin Vitti. Lisa McFarlin has resigned from the Vestry since she is moving on weekends to North Georgia. (resignation attached) Mr. Peek is absent because he is performing in a play

The Clerk, Mr. Hughes, certified a quorum.

Fr. McCard solicited a recitation of blessings. Fr. McCard reported that the scout troop made 7 Eagle Scouts yesterday. This is a remarkable accomplishment for the individuals receiving the rank and for the troop. The troupe has approximately 30 members and 7 were awarded the Eagle rank. Only three percent of scouts nationally attain the rank of Eagle.

Stewardship Campaign – Mr. Oakley and Mrs. Snyder, Chairs: Mr. Oakley reported that this is the third week of the campaign and we are almost 30 pledges ahead of last year. The average pledge is also higher than the average of the last two years (report attached).

The minutes of the September 19, 2011 vestry meeting were approved.

Report of the Liaison from the School Board of Trustees: Mrs. Snyder gave an update on school construction. The contractors are on track for early May 2012 completion. Opening up the main entrance to the school which should occur soon will provide 10 more parking places.

Celebration in Parish - Mrs. Boor and Mrs. Vitti, Chairs: Currently 27 tickets to the celebration have been sold. Vestry members were encouraged to purchase their tickets and sell the other six tickets that have been provided them.

The events of the evening were described. They include an auction with fabulous items, a DJ and performances by young members of the parish.

There was a discussion about the cost of the tickets. It was emphasized that the cost of tickets this year includes a meal and that tickets must be priced at this

level in order to provide adequate funding for outreach. The vestry was assured that the price was necessary for the support of outreach.

Fr. McCard volunteered to make calls soliciting for the raffle and the dinner.

There was a discussion of the need for donations of beer and wine.

Mr. Oakley said this was a night that required all of us to support the outreach program

Alternative Service – Mrs. McFarlin, Mrs. Ford: There was a discussion of the reception of the proposal and that it would be better received if we were planning such a service only once a month.

Parish Life - Mrs. Vitti, Chair: Mrs. Vitti reported that the ECW annual dinner had a great speaker who is available for other events.

Committee on St. Martin's Mission, Vision and Value Statement – Mrs. Perez, Mrs. McFarlin, Mrs. Boor, Mr. Oakley: Revisions were passed out. (Revisions attached.) There was a general discussion about the revisions. Mr. Oakley inquired what we were going to do with these statements. The answer provided was that we were going to use them on the website. Mr. Oakley emphasized the need to live the commitments of the statements.

Parlor Renovation Update - Mrs. Short, Chair: Mrs. Short reported that the electrical service should be in place this week. Everything should be in place by the holidays.

Administration - Mr. Burton, Chair: Mr. Burton had no report, but Mrs. Short announced a workday for October 29.

Worship committee – Mrs. Ford, Chair: Mrs. Ford displayed the metal being considered for the votive candles stand. A picture of the stand was also displayed. Mr. Hall announced that we have donors for the purchase price of approximately \$2000. Mrs. Ford will try to have the stand in place by Remembrance Sunday on November 13th.

Mrs. Short reported that efforts are underway to repair the 3 snuffers and four torches.

Mr. Rose reported that we are going to lose about \$1500 on flowers and recommends that we increase the price of dedicating the flowers.

Report of the Rector - Fr. McCard: Pastoral Updates: Our defibrillator is back in service after the Jernigan family replaced the defibrillator that was stolen. Fr. McCard will discuss with head of ushers about training the ushers.

Fr. McCard acknowledged that Fr. Graham's birthday was about 2 weeks ago.

We have had our first children's service and the sermon was very well received.

Fr. McCard raised the issue of whether we should be offering flu shots. The general response was that they are now widely available and we need not offer.

Fr. McCard pointed out that Jason is putting signs of special events on the church sign at the corner of Ashford Dunwoody and Peachtree.

Fr. McCard reported that holy water fonts ordered by Fr. Gable had been discovered and placed at the rear of the church.

Fr. Hamner is now married after a wedding in Washington this past weekend..

Fr. Graham reported that the annual council is coming up. The delegates to this council will be the delegates to the election of the new bishop.

Executive - Mr. Hall, Chair: Mr. Hall reported that vestry elections begin Oct 29, and will run for two weeks. He requested volunteers to man the ballot box. A sign up sheet was circulated.

Mr. Hall reported on the status of parking lot. More parking spots will be ready in December, but there will be no lighting for holiday services.

The shuttle buses are returning for special events on Oct. 30 and Nov. 13.

There was a discussion of the diocesan health care insurance plan that will go into effect in Jan, 2013 and require extending the coverage of the staff commensurate with Clergy coverage. This matter is the subject of substantial discussion in the diocese and will be discussed at Council.

The vestry was reminded that at the November 21 meeting pictures will be taken for the school yearbook so everyone should dress appropriately.

The resignation of Lisa McFarlin announced. Mr. Hall reminded the vestry that it must appoint a replacement at the November meeting. There was a discussion of whether to consider those not elected in the present election.

The 13.1 Race Sunday before last disrupted the access to the church. There was no prior notice of limited access. Mr. Hughes has contacted the organizers with a request to work out the problems. Having had no response from the organizers, we will contact the county commissioner for the neighborhood.

Report of the Treasurer - Mr. Rose: Mr. Rose presented a summary of the restricted accounts operating budget. (report attached). The negative number for the clearings account will be cleared by deposit of the gift for the parlor renovation.

Mr. Rose presented a "Report on the Operating Budget." (report attached). We are only approximately \$7,000 short and last year we were \$57,000 short at the same time. Things look very promising that we will do better than the budget. We are \$18000 over in expenses including an insert of \$7000 for the ski trip. However, it looks like we will make up the difference with overages in income.

There was a general discussion about whether to have the ski trip. Doubt was expressed whether we could get it organized in time.

The audit reports were passed out and are attached.

There was an extended discussion of the "Projected 2010 Consolidated Income Statement" (Report attached.) that shows we had income of \$263,204. This is the type of statement that will be prepared in the future. A balance sheet also has to be prepared, and much of the data needed for it is questionable. The diocese knows we have problems with the initial valuations of assets. Ms. Snyder volunteered that we have parishioners who can do the evaluation. The audit will cost more because of the switch to a true balance sheet. This should have no impact on the diocesan assessment according to the diocese.

Christian Formation - Mrs. Evenson, Chair: No report.

Outreach Committee – Mr. Rose, Chair: No report other than that the Suther's Center is doing very well.

Newcomers - Mr. Duffy, Chair: Mr. Duffy reported that we have several new families.

Other Business— Announcements:

Vestry Tellers for November – Sally Perez and Jake Duffy
Head Teller – Ann Burton

Newcomers Meet & Greet in Parlor

Next Newcomers Gathering
November 20

Important Upcoming Dates:

Oct 29	Start of Vestry elections
Oct 30	Celebration in the Hall
Nov 4/5	Annual Council meets in Rome, Ga.

Nov 5 Parish Dinner Dance
Nov 20 Newcomers Gathering
Dec 2 Annual Christmas Party at McCard Home

The next vestry meeting will be held November 21, 2011.

It was moved seconded and approved that the vestry adjourns.

Fr. McCard dismissed with a prayer.