

**ST. MARTIN IN THE FIELDS CHURCH
IN THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF ATLANTA**

Meeting of the Vestry

January 19, 2019, 12:05pm to 1:20pm

Father Allan Sandlin, Interim Rector, lead an opening prayer.

Fr. Sandlin called the meeting to order at 12:05pm and certified that a quorum was present.

Present: (Vestry) Vince Vitti, John Burton, Jeff Mack, Genevieve Pearson, Dottie Palmer, Jamie Clayton, Cory Crotty, Annemarie Madden, Chris Nama, Tim Kelly; (Clergy and Key Committee Members) Fr. Sandlin, Mother Amy Dills-Moore, Ann Burton.

Old Business

- The minutes of the November 18, 2018 Vestry Meeting were unanimously approved.

New Business

Report from the Liaison to St. Martin's Episcopal School

- Vince reported on behalf of Pam Alexander, Liaison to St. Martin's Episcopal School:
 - The "Together We Rise" capital campaign remains on track to soon achieve the \$5.5 million goal.
 - The SMES Board of Trustees will have a preview of the new Early Childhood Building next Tuesday evening.
 - SMES will host two Open Houses next weekend (Jan. 26 and 27) – Early Childhood on Saturday morning and Elementary/Middle School on Sunday afternoon.
 - The bi-annual PTO "Fling" gala event will be held next Saturday evening, January 26.

Report from the Treasurer

- Ann Burton provided a detailed Treasurer's Report (on behalf of Lisa Smith) summarizing the revenues and expenses for 2018 along with a detailed budget for 2019 – materials that will be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting on January 27.
 - Ann noted that we ended 2018 with a modest surplus – anticipated revenues fell short of budget, however, reduced expenses more than covered the shortfall.
 - A motion of gratitude was made and passed unanimously thanking the entire financial team for successfully navigating the Parish through an especially challenging year.
 - Ann reviewed the 2019 line-item budget in detail and addressed all questions.
 - The Vestry unanimously approved the 2019 Parish Budget.

Report from the Senior Warden

- Vince provided a brief update from Barbara Adler and the Nominating Committee.
 - The committee has identified seven solid candidates for the position of rector.
 - Members of the Nominating Committee will now begin making visits to the candidates' churches.
 - The Committee currently hopes to present three final candidates to the Bishop.

- There was a brief discussion of potential projects to undertake with the \$30,000 gift from the school to the church.
- A one-day Vestry Retreat was tentatively planned for Saturday, February 23.

Commission Updates

- Genevieve provided an update of the work of the Parish Life Committee. Genevieve described the “Second Sunday” program and efforts to form a large Parish Life Committee that can support an event/activity each month.

Report from the Associate Rector

- Described the efforts to welcome new parishioners with the theme: “Invite/Welcome/Connect.”
 - Amy reported that four couples have joined recently St. Martin’s.
- Noted that Charlotte Smith, and the special things that Charlotte does for new families, has been uniquely instrumental in making St. Martin’s an inviting home for families with small children.
- Noted that both a Clean-Up Day and a Newcomer Brunch are being planned for April.
- Spoke of her pilgrimage to follow the steps of Teresa of Avila.
 - Teresa of Avila was a Carmelite nun who founded 17 convents. She taught her followers to approach life with a sense of joy and humor. Saint Teresa is quoted as saying: “God, save us from sour-faced saints.”
 - Saint Teresa’s approach to prayer was to focus on listening – not simply talking.

Report from the Interim Rector

- A job description for the Business Manager position has been developed. Two candidates are in the interview process.
- An hourly administrative assistant position is being created – it will entail a couple of hours a day, several days a week. The objective is to free up Pam Melton for more in-depth projects.
- It was reported that we have two strong, potential candidates for the Director for Youth, Children and Family Ministries position. He hopes to fill the position shortly.

Fr. Sandlin lead a closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20pm.

Next Vestry Meeting – Sunday, February 24, 2019, after the 10:30am Service.