

MEN OF ST. MARTIN'S REPORT 2024

Traditionally, the Men's Group meeting is held on the first Saturday of each month, with some exceptions to calendar events, for fellowship and breakfast with an agenda for discussion. The meeting updates the group of attendees with ongoing news within the parish, discussing how it can continue to support the church and surrounding community through Outreach, Fellowship and Philanthropy in line with the Mission of St. Martin's. Announcements and invites to all men of the parish are sent out, as well as other members and guests with interest to our goals and concern for open communication. Additionally, the group recognizes our diversity and welcoming culture of our church. We extend participation to anyone who wish to support the growth of St. Martin's Church and its missions.

Minutes to our meetings are posted on our community bulletin board found in the Narthex hallway. Financial records are maintained and reported to the church office and Treasurer.

Last year we again participated, supported or encouraged many of our outreach programs. A few to mention were the well-attended (14 kids) Breakfast with the Bunny in March and Breakfast with St. Nickolas (16 kids) in December, cooking and serving a meal to attending families.

In July, we participated in our Outreach through Episcopal City Mission, supporting birthday celebrations for children at the St. Louis Detention Center.

We have also committed to financial support for the funeral urn boxes fabricated by Bill Scoopmire, as well as offering support to transport them for engraving and return for anyone requesting one through our Rector.

Pursuant to the plans of the Parish, we began the dismantle and dispensing of the old playground in preparation for replacement or next steps to the area.

We held another successful Festival on April 28th, with our 3rd Annual Auto Show and BBQ. We expanded our Auto Club participants, along with the Corvette Club, the Jaguar, Cadillac and Lambda Auto Clubs, showing over 40 cars. We had dinners for sale. We held a Silent Auction, as well as the opportunity to showcase many of the charitable outreach programs we support while opening our facility to the community. \$1,000 in proceeds were distributed to Circle of Concern, with over 300 people attending. We retained funds this year so none were requested from the LEF for 2025 to finance this event, with intent to open funds up to our other ministries.

In 2025, we will be sponsoring our 4th Annual Festival and Auto Show on May 4th following much of the same but expanded format based on our experiences and feedback, as well as continued support to our parish programs.

Submitted by
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