

HOLY FAMILY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VESTRY MEETING MINUTES – November 10, 2021

Attending: Tom Clines, Bob Murray, Betty Bogeman, Jolene Johnston, Fr. Bruce Gray, Lorri Batesky, Stephen Beard, Katie Hamon, Cathy French, Marcus Dial

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. with prayer led by Fr. Bruce.

Old & New Business

- *Nickel Plate Trail partnership with City of Fishers:* Father Bruce reported that he and Marcus met with staff members from the City of Fishers. They were very encouraging and enthusiastic about the partnership with Holy Family. The city has applied for a multimillion-dollar grant from the DNR to enhance the Nickel Plate Trail. The application includes funds for handicapped access, a seating area, bike racks, trash cans, and a paved pathway from seating area between seating area and our parking lot. If money is left over, they would seriously consider redoing our parking lot. They have requested letters of support for the trail, which can be emailed to the city. Letters should emphasize support for the Nickel Plate Trail and talk about the benefits it will bring to the community.
- *New roof progress:* Marcus shared that we received the initial check but could be adjusted due to depreciation and the insurance company negotiations. Lorri suggested having the proposals sent to her so she can create a comparison chart of the quotes.

Vestry Working Groups Reports for November

- *Stewardship:* Bruce stated that the Pledge Drive will begin Nov 21 and conclude Dec 12. Printed materials will be available, as well as videos for Sunday mornings. New committee members are Susie Beard and Chris Hamon. All Vestry members should make pledges.
- *Evangelism:* Bob noted that the next meeting will be next Tuesday. They are planning a Sunday Adult Formation with several Sundays focusing on Everyday Evangelism. Bob reported that Breakfast with St. Nicholas is scheduled for December 4th in the Parish Hall. This is a great outreach opportunity.
- *Building & Grounds:* Bruce reported that the new electrical panel is completed. Lorri put forth a great effort to ensure that it got done after several failed attempts by the original electricians.
- *Christian Formation:* Jolene shared that the two recent events were a huge success. Trunk-or-Treat had over 60 kids with about 80% from outside the church. The Gospel at Hogwarts had 30-35 kids with many from outside the church attending.

- *Worship*: Bruce said that planning for Advent and Christmas services is underway. Please sign up if you are comfortable serving.
- *Missional Outreach*: Lorri has been busy organizing several outreach opportunities. The relationship with Fishers Elementary will be growing with the Adopt a Teacher program. The idea is for a few people to partner up to be assigned to a grade level at the school and do something once a month for the teachers. Lorri said she is going to local businesses to see if they have discounts or donations to give the school staff. She also noted that we are again partnering with the Township Trustee to collect Thanksgiving food donations. Signup is available online. Finally, the Angel Tree will again take place where church members can purchase Christmas gifts for local children through Fishers Elementary.
- *Racial Reconciliation*: Bob informed us that the Sunday Adult Forum series on Episcopal Saints is wrapping up. He has been encouraged that we have had good attendance and discussion over the last few weeks. In January, we will begin a monthly film series, "Movies with a Social Conscience," which will involve streaming the film at home and then meeting at Holy Family for discussion.
- *Finance & Budget*: Betty reported that the PPP loan is basically done. We had an influx of money come in, so financials at the end of October looked good, but we will wait and see how the year ends and what happens with the pledges. Bruce, Dan, and Betty are going to the December financial meeting of the Diocese to talk about our loans. They are aware of our issue and will be discussing options.

Review and Approval of October Minutes

- Bruce stated the minutes were emailed and asked if there were any questions or concerns. There were none.
- Stephen motioned to approve the minutes, and Tom seconded. The minutes were approved.

Rector's Report

- Bruce explained that the Diocesan Convention will be held this Saturday. Three delegates from Holy Family plan to attend. They haven't received the agenda yet.
- Bruce met with consultants for the Diocesan "Church Buildings for Collaborative Partnerships" progress. They were very impressed with our relationships with the community and will be making a visit in December. Because we are meeting the requirements of the program, we are eligible to apply for grants.
- As a reminder, be sure to talk with newcomers at 10:00 service.
- Bob recommended that we form a nominating committee for new Vestry members and Convention delegates.

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer and was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Next Vestry Meeting: Wednesday, December 15

