

**HOLY FAMILY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**VESTRY MEETING MINUTES – February 16, 2022**

Attending: Tom Clines, Bob Murray, Betty Bogeman, Jolene Johnston, Fr. Bruce Gray, Stephen Beard, Matthew Beard, Katie Hamon, Tina Vawter, Carol Bruns, Ruth Everett, Gary Snyder, Jon Manuszak, Reba Ericksen

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. with prayer led by Father Bruce.

Old & New Business

- The feedback about the Bishop's visit was very positive. Bishop Jennifer was informative, open, encouraging, and offered a good perspective about our congregation as well as advice regarding stewardship. Bob shared his appreciation for her views on stewardship, and Fr. Bruce noted that the Bishop is willing to come back to speak with the church about stewardship.
- Fr. Bruce reported that Stephen Beard is our Senior Warden. Tom Clines volunteered to continue as Junior Warden. Gary seconded the motion, and it was approved.
- Bob motioned for Betty Bogeman to continue as Treasurer and Katie Hamon to continue as Clerk. Carol seconded the motions, and the positions were approved.

Vestry Working Groups Reports for February

- *Regathering:* Fr. Bruce noted that the serving of wine is the main item that is unresolved from the Regathering updates. Betty suggested intinction in the meantime, which the group supported. Jolene shared that it would be a good idea to include the regathering updates in the Window to Worship preview video. Fr. Bruce reported that the Acolytes will have additional duties as they are trained. The Prayers of the People are now given from the center aisle.
- *Stewardship:* Betty reported that the number of pledges has not changed.
- *Evangelism:*
  - Bob shared that nametags are available; new ones can be requested if needed.
  - It is important to be more intentional about inviting people to social events, such as the Pancake Supper. Jolene has made a postcard that can be given with details and will be available on the Welcome Table.
  - Fr. Bruce reminded us that the Newcomers Orientation is scheduled for February 27 at 11:15 a.m. There will be coffee and refreshments.
- *Building & Grounds:* Fr. Bruce noted that Gary Snyder has volunteered to turn on the drinking fountains; he plans to try it tomorrow.
- *Christian Formation and Youth:*

- Ruth gave an update about the Shrove Tuesday Dinner on March 1. Tickets will be sold starting this Sunday at church.
- Ruth has not heard anything new about the mission trip for the summer, so they may pivot to another option in West Virginia.
- Bob stated that there are two youth and one adult signed up for the Confirmation class.
- Betty inquired about the enrollment in our youth program and whether we should consider making changes to our time/format for Sunday school. Bob agreed that it is a valid point and suggested devoting a future meeting to discussing this issue.
- *Worship:* Fr. Bruce noted the upcoming Lent and Easter dates: Ash Wednesday March 2, Palm Sunday April 10, Easter April 17. He and Stephen plan to discuss and reflect on what would be meaningful for these services as we are entering a different phase in the pandemic. Tina asked if there is a suggestion box; Fr. Bruce said the Welcome Cards can include suggestions but is certainly open to the idea of a dedicated suggestion box.
- *Missional Outreach:* Lorri sent a report stating that “Support A Teacher “at Fishers Elementary School is continuing to develop. She has talked to the counselor and principal, and they are very pleased about the partnership and appreciative of the snacks being collected.
- *Racial Reconciliation:* Bob shared that the committee just met this evening. The Film Discussion Program for 2022 continues with the next meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. It will be a Zoom discussion of *12 Years A Slave*. Last month the committee members and spouses attended. It would be great to get more people and youth involved in the future film discussions. We are planning a Desmond Tutu book discussion group in the fall and are attempting to get in touch with a racial equity group in Fishers.
- *Finance & Budget:*
  - Betty reported that January was a good month for us, but cautioned that there were some pledgers who gave their full amount for the year.
  - It looks like we will have a surplus of approximately \$3000 from the insurance for building repairs. Should we keep this money in the Building Maintenance fund? Bob moved to keep the money in the Building Maintenance fund. Reba seconded, and the motion was approved.
  - Betty recently spoke with Dan about the UBS account which has been losing money. They decided to wait until after meeting with the Diocesan finance committee before deciding what to do about the account.
  - There is a family who has donated money for the capital campaign, but Betty feels that the money could be more effective in the general fund. Fr. Bruce offered to speak to them about it.

### Review and Approval of January Minutes

Bob noted that there was one spacing error in the minutes on p. 4 of the Rector's report; a space is needed after the word July. Carol motioned to approve the amended minutes. Stephen seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

### Rector's Report

- Fr. Bruce gave an overview of the plans for the Nickel Plate Trail. The Joint City of Fishers Grant request has changed, with no match from Holy Family needed. We will hopefully hear about the grant this spring. The city has been impressed with our church's willingness to work with them. There is a potential for the church to be used as an art gallery space while the City Hall is being renovated.
- The Diocesan "Church Buildings for Collaborative Partnerships" is going well. The consultants have taken measurements of the building and have asked if we would be willing to be a model for other churches. We would also be eligible to apply for other grants.
- Reminder: continue to talk with newcomers at the 10:00 service. Every week has at least a couple visitors.

### Additional Staff reports

Jolene emphasized the importance of using social media. Bob asked about the Parochial Report. This will be discussed at our planning meeting or the March meeting. The Vestry calling tree needs some work, so perhaps we could work on this at the planning meeting. It would also be helpful to have a financial overview and a tutorial on Servant Keeper.

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer, blessing and dismissal at 8:06 p.m.

**Next Vestry Meeting: Wednesday, March 16**