

HOLY FAMILY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

VESTRY MEETING MINUTES – August 17, 2022

Attending: Stephen Beard, Fr. Bruce Gray, Bob Murray, Katie Hamon, Tom Clines, Lauren Cahalan, Gary Snyder, Carol Bruns

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. with prayer led by Father Bruce.

Celebrating Little Wins

- *Land Update:* Tom noted that the Sunday Land Use meeting went well. Fr. Bruce reported that most comments were positive, but there were several expressions of concern, particularly about the proximity to the church and the effects on Community Garden. The developers are interested in doing a presentation for the full congregation, so we need to discern the best timing for this. Bob feels that 9:00 may not be the best meeting time, especially for young families. Gary mentioned the idea of having a brunch. Fr. Bruce met with the Standing Committee last week, and they are very supportive about this prospect. Canon Brendan put into the committee meeting minutes that all proceeds from the sale would go to Holy Family.
- Fr. Bruce shared that Open Alms giving has increased, which indicates that newcomers are giving. What had been coming in per quarter has been coming in per month.

Old and New Business

- Gary suggested that we will need to help fill in for Reba if she is scheduled to almon. Lorri knows that she shouldn't be scheduled for the next set of dates.
- Gary informed us that the paper recycling is full, and the service is no longer free so we will need to talk to the company and decide what to do.
- *Mediation process:* Fr. Bruce has met with about half of the parishioners on his list, and the conversations have been productive.
- *Active Shooter Plan:* Bob reported that he talked to Ed Jacques about working on updating this, and he is willing. A meeting will happen soon.

Vestry Working Groups Reports for August

- *Regathering:* Fr. Bruce stated that Covid cases are still happening, but we are in the lower range.
- *Stewardship:* Bob shared that Kelly O'Shaughnessy has been working hard getting sponsors and has had success with Sun King and Mornings breakfast restaurant. February 25th is the proposed date, and the projection is that we could clear \$3500. Chris Hamon has created a ministry survey that will be helpful in connecting people to

church ministries. Pledge Campaign is planned for October, and Ben will help with a video highlighting outreach of the church.

- *Evangelism*: Bob gave an update about the new picture directory and has drafted an announcement about having parishioners submit their own photos or have them taken at church. The goal is to have a directory that we can update more regularly. The staff is working on how we can use Servant Keeper for this. The Dinners for Eight program will return in the fall as a way for parishioners to get to know each other better.
- *Building & Grounds*: Fr. Bruce reported that the computer locks will be updated through the Diocesan grant. The roofer was contacted after the leak from the rainy Sunday, and photos were sent.
- *Christian Formation and Youth*: Fr. Bruce shared that Adult Forum and Sunday School will resume September 18th.
- *Worship*: Fr. Bruce informed us that the Altar Guild training and lunch will be held next Sunday. Choir returns next Sunday. On September 11th, there will be a choir recruitment lunch.
- *Missional Outreach*: The Support-a-Teacher group made their first delivery to Fishers Elementary for the school year with chocolates for every staff member. The Angel Tree program may be expanded to include more families from the school.
- *Racial Reconciliation*: Bob noted that the film discussion for August 31st is *Red Tails*.
- *Finance & Budget*: Tom stated that from the report we can see that we are currently \$17,000 short with a projected \$35,000 shortfall for the year. Bob suggested typing up a letter for David Emerson about the Boy Scout issue so that it is on file, and Stephen agreed to do that.

Review and Approval of July Vestry Minutes

Stephen motioned to approve the minutes; Bob seconded. Minutes were approved.

Rector's Report

- Fr. Bruce explained that the Community Gardeners have been dealing with vegetable theft. Signs have been put up, and a wildlife camera will be installed.
- We have had a lot of newcomers at the 10:00 service recently.
- Fr. Bruce's mother has been put on Hospice care, and he will plan to visit her sometime this fall.

The meeting concluded with Compline and was dismissed at 8:14 p.m.

Next Vestry Meeting: Wednesday, September 21st at 7:00 PM