

HOLY FAMILY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VESTRY MEETING MINUTES – November 16, 2022

Attending: Fr. Bruce Gray, Bob Murray, Tom Clines, Betty Bogeman, Jon Manuszak, Peter Mulhall, Stephen Beard, Gary Snyder (via Zoom), Katie Hamon (via Zoom)

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

Celebrating Little Wins

- Fr. Bruce highlighted Sloane's baptism on All Saints Day.
- The outdoor workday was a success.
- The Adult Forum book study is going well. A parishioner that can't attend is reading and has bought copies for family members.

Old and New Business

- The attorney working with Holy Family has informed us that the trail compensation will be approximately \$93,000 and should be paid around New Year's. Betty suggested that we should have a plan with what to do with the money. Ideas included addressing the shortfall or General Fund.
- Land Project Update: The development team will meet with the Vestry at December meeting (Dec. 14). They will have preliminary drawings of proposal for building. We are waiting for the developer's attorney and the Diocesan attorney to finish paperwork.
- Canon Ellen's mediation process for Holy Family update: Fr. Bruce is continuing to meet with parishioners and would like to continue. The Ministry Review will happen in 2023.
- Bob shared that we have four Vestry seats to fill for next year and will also need people for Diocesan Convention. It would be good to have candidates in mind.

Vestry Working Groups Reports for November

- *Regathering*: Fr. Bruce reported that COVID and flu are spreading in Fishers. Many parishioners continue to miss Sundays due to illnesses. Everyone should continue frequent hand washing and staying home if ill.
- *Stewardship*: Bob shared that so far, 44 families have pledged a total of \$161,215 to Holy Family for 2023. We are about \$3,800 short of what we projected for pledges. Betty noted that alms giving has been strong. She budgeted \$10,000 and we have received about \$11,500 so far.

- *Evangelism:* Fr. Bruce stated that Breakfast with St. Nicholas is planned for Saturday, December 3 at 9:00 a.m.
- *Building & Grounds:* Fr. Bruce shared that we had a productive fall workday this past Saturday. The roofing company is working to address the leak. Additional door computer locks are in progress. Bob inquired about the door that doesn't close well, and Betty asked about the water bill. Fr. Bruce will discuss with Lorri.
- *Worship:* The Youth Group movie night is this Friday. Fr. Bruce is working on plans for the Greening of the Church. Supplies have been ordered, so we are well prepared. He brought up a discussion about making some small changes to the Christmas banners.
- *Missional Outreach:* Four families will be receiving Thanksgiving dinner ingredients from HFEC through the Township Trustee. Angel Tree gift requests will be up soon in the lobby. Support A Teacher is continuing to collect snacks for students at Fishers Elementary. The staff continues to be grateful for the support. The weekly food donation to our township trustee office has been higher than in past years.
- *Racial Reconciliation:* The Adult Forum is studying The Book of Forgiveness by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and his daughter.
- *Finance & Budget:* Betty reported that we were able to merge some funds from Building and Grounds, Hospitality, and Altar Worship which caused us to be \$959 on the plus side. She is encouraged by the open alms as that is an indicator of newcomers showing commitment to the church.

Review and Approval of October Vestry Minutes

Bob noted a few minor corrections. Bob motioned to approve the minutes; Tom seconded. Minutes were approved.

Rector's Report

- Fr. Bruce would like us to let him know if there is a parishioner who needs a home visit with Christmas Communion.
- We continue to see lots of newcomers at 10:00.

The meeting concluded with Compline and was dismissed at 8:03 p.m.

Next Vestry Meeting: Wednesday, December 14th at 7:00 PM