

Vestry Minutes, October 19th, 2022

Opening Prayer

Celebrating Little Wins – Adult forum bringing in new members, smaller financial deficit for the month and the dedication of the playground.

There was no parish gossip that needed to be discussed.

Old & New Business

Fr. Bruce discussed the following topics:

1. Joel Bruns will begin a new music ministry on the first Sunday of each month starting November 1st.
2. The land project will be discussed at the November vestry meeting. The developers will make a presentation to the vestry and answer questions and discuss the issues involved.
3. Fr. Bruce has completed Canon Ellen's mediation process. The final family he met with discussed the fact they have been members of Holy Family for 10 years and really don't know anybody.
4. Fr. Bruce reported that Marcus Dial will be unable to attend the Diocesan Convention. Kay Mulhall has agreed to replace Marcus as a delegate. The motion to elect Kay

Mulhall as a delegate was made by Gary Snyder and seconded by John Manuszak. Motion passed.

Vestry Working Groups

Regathering: Covid is still active in Fishers. Fr. Bruce reported that many Holy Family families have been affected and continue to miss Sunday services.

Stewardship: Bob Murray reported that the report had been e-mailed. Total number of pledges received as of meeting was eleven for a total pledged of \$56,800. A majority of the pledges received were from vestry members and staff.

Evangelism: Bob Murray reported that the report has been e-mailed.

Building and Grounds: Fr. Bruce reported that the community garden now has a security camera. No objectionable activity has been observed. John Manuszak reported that the fall clean up will be the morning of November 12th.

Christian Formation and Youth: Good start for the children, laying stones of kindness on the Nickel Plate trail.

Worship: The three altar platform chairs were donated by Scott Higgins. He thought that he had donated about 25 years ago the old chairs that were replaced.

Mission Outreach: Stephen Canter participated in the prison ministry program at the Pendleton Prison from October 13th-16th.

Fr. Bruce attended the closing program on Sunday afternoon on the 16th. The support a teacher is going great. To date \$200 in books have been donated. The food donations to the Township Food Pantry increased by 3 to 4 times the amount after viewing stewardship film.

Racial Reconciliation: Bob Murray reported that the group watch and discussed the last movie of the year in September. Of the nine movies viewed eight were very good and one was questionable. The Adult Forum program was also discussed, the topic was the book *The Book of Forgiveness* by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and his daughter. Fr. Bruce is leading the discussion of this book.

Finance & Budget: Betty was unable to attend the meeting and Pete Mulhall presented the financial report. After a review by Betty the following financial recommendations were presented and approved:

1. Merge the altar worship and Margaret Bryant Memorial Funds to use to pay for any remaining Altar Worship expenses for the remainder of the year.
2. Use the remainder of the building funds maintenance funds to pay for any additional building costs for the rest of the year. Building maintenance funds and Rewards fund can be used install the door computer door locks depending upon the final cost. HF received \$6,300 from the Diocese to purchase the computer door locks.
3. Use the Hospitality funds for the hospitality expenses for the rest of the year, use building supplies fund if needed.

4. Pay for the Stewardship lunch (estimated \$300.00 from the Evangelism Fund). Use Evangelism fund for stewardship if needed

Merging fund categories discussed and further efforts to simplify the funds structure are being pursued.

Review and Approval of September Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes as presented made by Bob Murray and seconded by Carol Brun. Motion passed.

Rector's Report:

1. Christmas services were discussed, several items were presented, things that people treasure at Christmas that can be included in the service.
2. Children to be involved in service was suggested by Bob Murray for discussion.
3. The question of whether any other things at Christmas that would make the services more enjoyable was presented but there were no suggestions.
4. Truck or Treat advertising was presented by Tina, several ideas were discussed for this issue.
5. Reba Ericksen's ex-husband plus a non-member of Holy Family had funerals during the month of October.
6. Questions about Christmas trains was presented by Gary Snyder for discussion.
7. On October 15th a DOK service was held with ten members of the group attending. The Bishop was at Holy Family for the service and several additional ladies also attended.

Closing prayer and meeting adjourned.