

HOLY FAMILY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VESTRY MEETING MINUTES – December 14, 2022

Attending: Fr. Bruce Gray, Bob Murray, Betty Bogeman, Jon Manuszak, Peter Mulhall, Stephen Beard, Gary Snyder, Katie Hamon, Carol Bruns, Tina Vawter, Derrick Ferguson, Drew Braley, Dan Chillemi

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. with prayer led by Father Bruce.

Land Project Update:

- Derrick Ferguson and Drew Braley from Meyer Najem shared a Concept Site Plan with the group. They emphasized that this plan is still in progress and open for discussion.
- The plan includes additional parking for the church and trailhead, a multipurpose lawn space, a restaurant or retail space, food truck location, a 60-unit residential space with parking on lower level, and potentially future screen room addition on the church. The existing shelter and playground would remain, but the community garden would possibly be moved.
- Gary asked about parking. We currently have about 60 spaces; the new lot would be a little under that, but there would be overflow parking available in the other lots on the property.
- Since we last met, the developer has met with the Mayor of Fishers. He was very supportive of the development possibility, especially with the trailhead location.
- Next steps would involve a land survey, securing financing, completing a full design plan, and obtaining permits from the city. Supply chain issues continue, as well as changing interest rates, so the team recommends waiting until the first quarter to move into the next phase.
- Stephen expressed concern about the lack of space for the Boy Scout trailers to park. Gary and Bob agreed and mentioned the sheds that are used for storage. The developers stated that we will know more once the extensive land survey has been completed and an engineer is involved to assist with the needs for a detention pond. At that point, we will be able to discuss options. Stephen also brought up the idea for an opening in the residential building so that the church would not be completely blocked from the trail.
- Bob asked about the timeframe. Derrick said that within about six months we could be ready to decide to move forward with the project. It would then be a 12–18-month process from that point. The team would need to talk further with the city prior to presenting a plan to the congregation and neighborhood.

- Carol asked whether the units would be rented or owned, to which the team replied that it would likely be rentals based on economic data.

Old and New Business

- Vestry Nominating Committee update: Bob shared that we will have four vacant positions. We have three possible candidates and one more being contacted.
- Annual Meeting and Vestry Planning Day: Fr. Bruce noted that the annual meeting is January 29; Vestry Planning Day is planned for February 4.
- 2023 Budget formation: Betty would like the Finance Committee to form the budget and bring to the Vestry in January.
- FPD Safety Training: Bob and Ed attended this training and received a lot of information that will be shared in the future.

Vestry Working Groups Reports for December

- *Stewardship*: Bob reported that 47 families have pledged a total of \$187,415 to Holy Family for 2023.
- *Evangelism*: Christmas information signs were installed by Jon at the ends of the building. Putting them on street corners is no longer allowed by Fishers.
- *Christian Formation*: Episcopal Church-wide Epiphany Bible Study will be taught by Stephen Canter beginning Wednesday, January 11. Adult Forum will feature a five-week series on Prayer taught by Fr. Bruce starting January 15.
- *Building & Grounds*: Two additional door computer locks will be installed through diocesan grant. We are awaiting the final estimate from the installer.
- *Worship*: Christmas bulletins are done, and the greening of the church is planned. New Year's Day (Sunday) worship will occur at 8:00 and 10:00. January 8 is the next Baptismal Sunday. Looking ahead, Ash Wednesday is on February 22.
- *Missional Outreach*: Angel Tree gift requests were fulfilled in three days. Additional families were helped at Fishers Elementary's request. Everyone was extremely thankful when we delivered the gifts on Monday, and Thursday we will be gifting them with a new supply cart and dessert at their staff party. Support A Teacher continues to collect snacks for students at Fishers Elementary. Weekly food donation to our township trustee's office is going strong.

- *Racial Reconciliation*: Adult Forum completed The Book of Forgiveness by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and his daughter. It went extremely well, with participation staying high for all nine weeks.

Review and Approval of November Vestry Minutes

Bob noted a spelling correction. Bob motioned to approve the minutes; Carol seconded. Minutes were approved.

Rector's Report

- Fr. Bruce shared that people we have not seen in a while have been coming on recent Sundays leading up to Christmas. Many say they have been watching worship online.
- Please let Fr. Bruce know if you think there is a parishioner who needs a home visit with Christmas Communion.
- Lots of newcomers continue to attend at 10:00. Share a smile with them and also with long time members you do not know well.

The meeting concluded with Compline and was dismissed at 8:15 p.m.

Next Vestry Meeting: Wednesday, January 18th at 7:00 PM