



Holy Family Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting Minutes November 15, 2023

Attending: Fr. Bruce Gray, Senior Warden Tom Clines, Junior Warden Bethany Paden, Chris Beldin, Gary Synder, Jessica Largent, Katie Hamon, Kristine Canter, Jolene Johnston, Ruth Everett, and Sharon Naatz.

The Zoom meeting was called to order approximately at 7:06 p. m. with prayer led by Father Bruce.

Big Little Wins

- Trunk or Treat was a great success with many children attending the festivities.
- Chili Lunch was very popular with lots of varieties of delicious types of chili and baked goods. The total revenues were \$329.00.
- Marjorie newcomer asked how to make a pledge of Jessica St. Luke's, Arizona
- The Humane Society trip was successful for families and youth, and we are now on their list as a resource.
- Fishers Elementary Principal praised Holy Family highly.
- The choir anthem with clapping was well received.

What's in the parish gossip chain that needs to be aired out?

- Reach out to other churches for wine supplier to find a better replacement wine than we received from our supplier.

Old & New Business

- Jon Manuszak resigned Vestry due to parents' illnesses.
- The Stewardship drive is underway, ingathering will be Sunday, December 3rd. Cards not picked up have been mailed. Pledge cards are available on the Welcome Desk. Can put them in the plate.
- Thanksgiving Food Baskets fully pledged, and Angel Tree Christmas gifts collections are about to begin.
- Cookies and Carols December 6th at 7:00pm. Bethany invites all to come join the fun.
- St. Nicholas breakfast with St. Nick visit and model trains December 9th at 9:00am.
- Greening of the Church and dinner Sunday December 17th at 4:00pm. It is a week early, but in the spirit of keeping services meaningful, Bruce feels it's important to move the date so that Advent 4 and Christmas Eve services are undisturbed.
- December 24th will have one morning service at 10:00am (Advent 4), Christmas Eve 5:00pm and 11:00pm, Christmas Day (Jammie Church) 10:00am.
- Bulletins for Christmas and other service planning are nearly complete.
- The Strategic Plan for Holy Family will be updated by Annual Meeting 2024, which will be held the last Sunday of January 2024.

Other new or old Business

- October Minutes were approved via email and ready for the website.

- Fishers, IN will be the center of the Path of Totality this upcoming April when the eclipse happens. There will be such an influx of people that it will be hard to be able to move around freely and police will not be able to respond to calls as they normally would. The best plan of action currently is to be ready to stay in one place and not leave your homes.

Finance and Budget

- Ben Paden traveling for work tonight. Betty Bogeman won't be able to attend evening meetings.
- Monthly Financial Report emailed to all Vestry members. There will still be last-minute pledges due to Christmas bonuses and early tax reports of extra income that will help balance the budget by the end of the year.
- The Diocesan Assessment for 2024 was reduced nearly \$4000. This is loosely based on the last three years of disposable income of the parish.
- The Budget for 2024 will be nearly identical to 2023.

Rector's Report

- The Diocesan Convention was on November 10th and 11th. This was held at St Paul's who were very hospitable in providing all the amenities that were helpful albeit chilly. There was a celebration to send off Canon White, to become the Bishop of Cincinnati. This will leave an opening for the charge of mutual ministry reviews. Also, there are openings for the delegates to the 2024 convention.
- Front door solar/wifi camera ordered, exterior doors close more solidly, and a big plus is the addition of a siren if someone is not where they belong.
- The time has come to start recruiting new Vestry members for 2024. There are 2 three year openings and 3 one year openings.

The meeting ended with an evening prayer led by Fr. Bruce at 8:36 p.m.

Next Vestry meeting is Wednesday December 13th, 7:00 p.m.