

**Holy Family Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2025, 7:00 PM**

Attending: Susie Beard, Barb Spangler, Jolene Johnson, Bethany Paden, Emily Morton, Ruth Everett, Gary Snyder, Kristine Canter, Kay Mulhall, Jessica Largent, Lee Cahalan, Lorri Batesky, Scott Wilson (Clerk).

Opening: Meeting called to order at 7:09 p.m., with opening prayer by Gary Snyder

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given the gifts of leadership and service to those in your Church who guide the care and keeping of our parish. We ask for your guidance and wisdom as we gather to discuss the matters of our community and to serve you faithfully. Amen.

Old & New Business

- Land Sale updates – Jessica L
 - No closing update, but the groundbreaking is still scheduled for 10am Mar 5; will last 20-30 minutes.
 - Dan Chillemi is speaking on our behalf
 - Picnic Shelter Removed – Thanks to Dan
 - Determine how to use \$7500 – either (1) accept as payment or (2) have developer lay down gravel with timber edges; Vestry decided on option (2)
 - One of the sheds was damaged in the move. Susie Beard will have Stephen Beard identify which shed was damaged and to what extent. Will then determine if insurance claim or other solution is needed.
 - All investment documentation is signed - \$500K from proceeds to be reinvested in the project.
 - The Vestry thanked Jessica Largent for all of her work on this!
- Elections
 - Jr. Warden
 - Bethany Paden provided a summary of responsibilities; also offered to continue as the “voice of the Vestry” at Sunday worship for providing updates if anyone was not comfortable doing this
 - Bethany Paden nominated Kay Mulhall and Emily Morton. A ballot with votes was taken
 - Kay Mulhall was elected as Junior Warden.
 - Clerk – Scott Wilson has agreed to join us again this year
 - Motion by Kristine, second by Kay; Unanimous approval
 - New Vestry Members – Susie and Barb have received Binders
- Scouts
 - Still looking for a new parish liaison
 - Stephen Beard is still recruiting, but it would be great for this to be a member of Holy Family.
 - Jacob Spangler may be interested, but this time of year (tax, studying for CPA), is not good. Discussion around Stephen Beard covering until Jacob is available.
 - Barb Spangler mentioned a potential candidate that she will approach. Former Scout with previous affiliation at Holy Family.
 - Update will be provided at next meeting.
- Thanks/Acknowledgments
 - Heather Tannas has offered to lead the acolytes. Hannah & Jolene created a training video.
 - Matt – Rector’s Office
 - Reba – Bruce’s retirement party

- Lorri – Using her discounts with Wayfare for the furniture and Sherwin Williams for paint
- Susie – Keeping dinner groups going!
- Everyone who has stepped up the past couple weeks post transition
- Rector Transition
 - Fr. Frank – has been granted access to the building; email address has set up
 - The correct title for Fr. Frank is “The Rev’d Frank Impicciche”
- Attendance –
 - Super Bowl Sunday 8 AM was normal count (12-14); 10 AM service 42.
 - 2nd Sunday (snow) 8 AM 9; 10 AM 48.
 - 3rd Sunday 8 AM ??; 10 AM ??
- Celebrating Little Wins: What needs to be widely shared?
 - Previous parishioners are coming back!
 - Donated leftover hygiene kits to the Delaware Township Trustee – received FB shoutout
 - 10-12 kids participated in the GLOW event
- What are we hearing from parishioners?
 - “All Are Welcome” sign recovered. Vestry has voted to approve restoration of the sign, but will hold off on remounting until Fr. Frank can speak to parishioners.
 - Money that Choir members paid for the pre-2020 trip that was cancelled due to COVID has been refunded or is in process of being requested and refunded. Amounts donated by parishioners will be retained in the general fund.
- Parochial Report
 - Numbers required for this have not been completed and are not fully collected.
 - Vestry agreed to request an extension from the Diocese.
 - Potentially have Fr. Frank call Fr. Bruce once Fr. Frank is fully in place.
- Building Use Policies and Procedures for Non-Parish Events
 - Lorri provided a summary, suggesting that rates be increased. Consider adding a fee for early setup and an additional fee for extra tables and chairs.
 - The overall process for this will be discussed at the Retreat with Fr. Frank.
- HAMCO Emergency Management
 - Conference being hosted March 10, 530p with the topic of “Protecting Places of Worship”
 - Will be sent to all Parishioners to encourage attendance.
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
 - Lee Cahalan and Stephen Canter will be shopping and cooking for this event.
 - Bring palms for burning to create ashes for Ash Wednesday. Request that Matt Okerson handle the fire.
- Volunteers are needed for on Saturday March 1 at 1230p to reset tables for Sunday.

Treasurer’s Report

- Sent via email, reviewed prior to the meeting. No questions from the Vestry.

Staff reports

- Discussed at other points in the meeting.
- Ruth: Small group has confirmed participating in Mission Trip.

January Minutes

- Approved by email

Closing Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Next Monthly Vestry Meeting will be at the Vestry Retreat, Saturday March 15, 9am – 2pm