

Holy Family Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2024 6:00 PM

Attending: Fr. Bruce, Jolene Johnson, Matt Okerson, Ben Paden, Bethany Paden, Jacob Spangler, Tom Clines, Charles Foreman, Dan Chillemi, Ruth Everett, Chris Belden, Kristine Canter, Kay Mulhall, Jessica Largent, Lee Cahalan (Zoom), Scott Wilson.

Opening Prayer: Meeting called to order at 6:15 p.m., with opening prayer by Fr. Bruce.

Conversation with Finance Committee: Use of land sale proceeds

- Dan Chillemi provided a brief history of the capital campaign, finances, and the discussions with the developer on purchase of the land.
- Charles Foreman reviewed expectations of the capital campaign and that HFEC remains (unfortunately) the “best kept secret in Fishers”
- Tom Clines noted that this topic has been a subject of the Finance Committee for almost 3 years.
- Dan Chillemi reviewed the financial summary and answered questions about the structure of the transaction and the potential for return by HFEC investing in the project.
- There was significant discussion on the layout of the infrastructure, street, as well as access to and ingress and egress from the parking lot. Any agreements for HFEC use of the common areas, access to or role on the HOA for the development, parking lot, and movement of Community Garden will all need to be in writing.
- Jessica Largent agreed to serve as a liaison for HFEC with the developer.
- The recommendation from the Finance Committee is to invest \$500,000. Ben reviewed the numbers on how proceeds could be used. Jessica motioned to use \$500,000 of the proceeds from the sale as an investment in the Nickel Row Development. Second from Kristine. Passed unanimously.

Celebrating Little Wins: what needs to be widely shared?

- Holy Week and Easter services, attendance strong for all services and well received.
- Two baptisms in April, more to come in May and June.
- Parishioner made one-time \$8,000 donation.
- Nina and Frankie trained as candle-bearing acolytes.
- Music and Meditation wrapped up; well-attended. Bethany suggested to Joel for a mini version during summer offertory service(s).
- Meal Ministry took two meals to Wade Nichols.

Parish “Gossip” Chain: Anything need to be aired out?

- Sharon and Fred Naatz moving to south side of Indy, but plan on staying at HFEC.
- Nothing else noted.

Old & New Business

- Vestry Holy Family Members Calling Groups-Bethany
 - Bethany will finalize lists soon with a few updates for new families
- Safe Church required for all of us and notices emailed by Lorri
 - All Vestry members to complete by May 31 or before
- Holy Family Mutual Ministry Review at next Vestry meeting: Wed May 15 6:00 p.m.

- Email from Gary to all Vestry members; please complete questions before the next meeting
- Annual Flower Sale May 11 will need volunteers and customers
 - Please share Facebook event
 - Sign up Genius also in place
- New keypad for administration door on the way (still)
 - Front doors magnetic lock issue repaired
- Sunday Apr 21 Earth Day event with activities headed up by Ruth and Jolene.
- Support A Teacher picnic for Fishers Elementary May 18
- Pentecost with Outdoor Worship (10am) and parish picnic May 19
 - Matt to head up grilling duties
 - Mel B is heading up paper products, sides

Other New or Old Business:

- Jolene working on having the AED registered with Google to be located on Google Maps.
- Information to be circulated regarding participating in the Pride Parade planning committee,
- Fishers Spark Festival changing (again) to have drone show on a different day than the fireworks on Friday Jun 28 parade on Saturday.
- Discussion about inviting parishioners for watching fireworks/drones. Final planning will be decided at next Vestry.

March Minutes: Approved via email

Rector's Report:

- 2023 Parochial report submitted
- Wade Nichols back in church. David Dye is on Hospice Care.
- Pray for Kairos Ministry this coming weekend.
- My daughter Kelsi's wedding is May 4th at Holy Family.

Finance & Budget: Treasurer's Report – Ben Paden

- Discussion of capital campaign Fall 2024 with goal amount set by Vestry, establishing that fund will be used to support growth and transformation activities available related to the Nickel Row building development.
- Stewardship campaign will be in conjunction with operating budget funding focus.
- Currently 46 pledging units (households) with approximately 61 regularly attending families.
- Discussed options on stewardship prayer, its content, and timing during the service. Fr Bruce to look at options from Episcopal prayer options.

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Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Next Monthly Vestry Meeting Wednesday May 16 at 6:00 p.m. (early start time for MMR)