

Holy Family Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2024 7:45 PM

Attending: Fr. Bruce, Jolene Johnston, Matt Okerson, Ben Paden, Bethany Paden, Ruth Everett, Chris Belden, Kristine Canter, Kay Mulhall, Jessica Largent, Lee Cahalan, Emily Becraft

Opening Prayer: (prayer held during Mutual Ministry Review prior to Vestry meeting)

Old & New Business

- Church Buildings for Collaborative Partnerships (Building Capacity 2): this is a grant available from the Diocese; Fr. Bruce has completed the application and received immediate positive feedback. This grant money would be used to help the parish in its transition during the land sale. The parish can be awarded up to \$20,000, but the date of an award announcement has yet to be shared.
- Building rentals have brought in over \$3,000 this calendar year.
- Unknown visitor not here for any worship or parish purpose:
 - Last Fall a man who did not have any purpose of being in the building, other than to ask for financial assistance, found his way into the building through a door that had not completely shut. He asked a parishioner who was in the building for financial assistance. She asked did not provide any aide, and instead escorted him from the building.
 - The man returned during an April 10 am service at which time he followed a parishioner into the bathroom where he again requested financial assistance. After being told no, the man left the premises.
 - In response to these situations, ushers are asked to follow any suspicious visitors should they roam past the sanctuary/narthex and into other parts of the building. Additionally, parish staff have created a handout with community resources to be placed throughout the building and have on hand to distribute as needed.
 - Gary and Bruce will each reach out to the parishioner who was confronted in May
- Land use: Jessica and Dan C met with the developers on Thursday, April 25th. They expressed the Vestry's concern of the neighborhood's second entrance creating traffic between the church entrance and parking. They also asked the developers to explore applying for a City of Fishers HOA grant to help with the rebuilding of the community garden. They hope for an update from the developers early next week.
- Volunteer needs:
 - Fr. Bruce shared that we have a need for additional ushers; both women and men are invited serve.
 - Parking lot wrangler needed to clean up the parking lot/light fixture flower bed; Jessica volunteered to contact the three parishioners who have expressed the desire for change and coordinate a time they can volunteer together.
- Calling groups: Bethany has shared the updated lists with the Vestry; Outreach to begin this month.
- Safe Church: Fr. Bruce reminded Vestry that they are required to complete Safe Church training.
- New keypad: The new keypad at the administrative wing is now operational.
- Pentecost: Outdoor worship on Sunday at 10 am, followed by parish picnic. Volunteers still needed for food and cleanup.

- Support A Teacher picnic for Fishers Elementary is on Saturday, May 18th.
- Proceeds from Flower Sale: \$4,500 gross, likely a \$2,200 profit

Treasure's Report: Ben Paden

- Finances:
 - \$113,360.05 income
 - \$127,851.10 expense
 - Much of the expense came from an \$11,000 insurance payment that came due.
- Ben would like to modernize the payroll system and requested upgrading to ADP online at a cost of a \$260 annual fee. Bethany moved to approve the expense of ADP online for payroll, Kristine Canter seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

Staff Reports: None

April Minutes: Fr. Bruce called for a vote of approval, all in favor.

Rectors Reports: We continue to get baptism requests from various ages.

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Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Next Monthly Vestry Meeting Wednesday June 19 at 7:00 p.m.