

October 24, 2019 – 5:00 PM

VESTRY MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Father Robin Dodge, Guy Gronquist, Penni Chambers, Mitzi Barker, Mike Ward, Paul D’Arcy and Charles Rountree.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Heidi Hahn, Dan Green, and Leslea McCabe.

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Father Jim Gordon, Mother Pam Graham

- **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. with Fr. Robin leading an opening prayer.

- **Acceptance of the Agenda**

Penni moved, and Paul seconded the acceptance of the agenda as presented. *Carried unanimously.*

- **Disposition of the September 26, 2019 meeting minutes.**

Paul moved, and Penni seconded the acceptance of the Minutes as presented. *Carried unanimously.*

- **Bible Study.**

Fr. Robin led the Vestry in Bible study on Luke 18: 9-24.

- **By-Law Amendment for Operations Endowment Fund.**

Fr. Robin reviewed the progress towards amending the By-Laws. The Vestry, at the August meeting, approved the proposed Article VII amendment as presented by the Task Force. Since that time, there have been two ‘Listening Sessions’ where members of the Parish read through and discussed the proposed amendment. In response, the Task Force incorporated suggestions made at the sessions which have now been presented to the Vestry for review and approval. In discussion, the process for moving Scheffler Library Endowment funds, if approved by the Parish, was clarified. Should the estate lawyer for the Scheffler bequest agree that the intent of the funds was to support library operations and should the probate court approve, the funds specifically designated to support the library would be moved. It was also noted that a distribution from transferred funds would not be subject to the three-year waiting period. The Vestry also discussed calling a special meeting of the Parish. A meeting can be called by the rector where it will be necessary to have present a third of the Parish to conduct business. Announcements for a special meeting would be made during services and notices would be placed in the Sunday bulletin. Should a quorum be present, an affirmative note to amend the By-Laws would require a 2/3 majority. Fr. Robin suggested that Sunday December 8th at 4:00 PM be scheduled for a special parish meeting.

- Mike moved, and Paul seconded, that the Vestry accept the revised Article VII amendment as proposed by the Task Force to present to the Parish for consideration at a special parish meeting. *Carried unanimously.*
- Paul moved, and Mike seconded, that the Vestry approve a special Parish meeting, called by the Rector, on December 8th at 4:00 PM to consider Article VII as an amendment to the By-Laws . *Carried unanimously.*

[Subsequent to the meeting, it was realized that amendments to the By-Laws are effective only upon approval by the congregation at an annual meeting, so the amendment will be considered at the next annual meeting in January.]

- **Treasurer's Report – Penni Chambers**

Penni reviewed the September financial reports. The Parish has incurred a net deficit of \$146K through the third quarter. Penni noted that 40% of annual contributions are generally received in the final quarter of the year and that it is anticipated that the shortfall will be cleared by year end. It was also pointed out that the actual deficit is less than the budgeted deficit for this point in the year. Penni also updated the Vestry on her conversations with the auditors concerning the costs of the 2018 audit where she negotiated a \$2,500 reduction in the expense. She also mentioned that the Finance Committee recommends requesting bids from other CPA firms to conduct the Parish audit. Mitzi moved, and Mike seconded accepting the September financial reports. *Carried unanimously.*

- **Junior Warden's Report – Paul D'Arcy**

Paul presented a written analysis on the status of projects for 2019 and noted that repointing the stonework will be delayed until 2020. There are \$24K in uncommitted budgeted capital expenditures for the year. Paul also reported that the Stewardship of Creation Committee headed by John Barton, met and proposed transitioning the lighting at Holy Faith to LED bulbs. Paul presented a favorable long-term cost analysis based on a survey of lighting in Conkey House and recommended the change to LED lighting, replacing the bulbs as necessary.

- **Senior Warden's Report – Guy Gronquist**

Guy reported on the Diocesan Convention in Silver City noting that the high point of the meeting was a moving presentation the challenges facing the Anglican Church in northern Mexico as it responds to the needs of refugees. He also reported that the rate of Fair Share remains unchanged in the adopted budget which is \$100K less than the previous budget. He did note that an additional \$160K of Fair Share income will be retained by the Diocese next year, as the result of cuts to aided missions and Poverty and Outreach.

- **Rector's Report – Fr. Robin Dodge**

Fr. Robin reported that parishes with members seeking ordination are required to certify continued support towards candidacy. At this time, Holy Faith has two members working towards ordination: Randall Hayden and Penni Chambers. While no Vestry vote is require to recommend that the postulants be considered as candidates, 2/3 of the Vestry must sign an endorsement that will be certified by the Clerk of the Vestry. Action to consider Randall Hayden will be taken at a later date. The Vestry excused Penni Chambers from the meeting to consider her candidacy which was overwhelmingly supported by the Vestry members present. In addition, both Mitzi Paul spoke highly of Penni after visiting Holy Family last week to hear Penni's sermon.

The stewardship campaign begins soon under the leadership of Paul and Ruth D'Arcy.

October 27th through November 2nd will be Holy's Faith's week at the Interfaith Homeless Shelter.

The Rev. John W. Price will preach at all three services this following Sunday and he will speak at the Adult Forum. He has been invited to Holy Faith to present the Scheffler lecture on near-death experiences.

- **Associate Rector's Report – Mtr. Pam Graham**

Mtr. Pam reported that Sunday School has started and is well attended. In addition, she is planning the next 'Women's Quiet Day'

- **Associate Rector's Report – Fr. Jim Gordon**

Fr. Jim also reported on the Diocesan Convention specifically mentioning the smooth adoption of the budget. He believes the success of the adoption was the result of the Bishop's travels throughout the Diocese to address concerns and answer questions about the proposed budget.

Fr. Jim was delighted to report that our Facilities manager, Marcos Castillo, has been awarded citizenship.

There being no further business, Penni moved, and Mitzi seconded, to adjourn. *Carried unanimously.* The meeting closed at 6:24 PM following a prayer lead by Fr. Robin.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Rountree