

**MEETING OF THE VESTRY
THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAITH
February 28, 2019**

Vestry members present: Father Robin Dodge, Mitzi Barker, Penni Chambers; Treasurer, Dan Green, Guy Gronquist, Heidi Hahn, Leslea McCabe, Charles Rountree, and Mike Ward. Vestry members absent: Paul D'Arcy. Also present: Donna Bailey, Recording Secretary, Father Jim Gordon and Mother Pam Graham; Associate Rectors.

I CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:11 pm. The opening prayer was led by Father Robin.

II ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Father Robin suggested that Item X, Associate Rector's Report, on the agenda be moved to Item VII because Father Jim and Guy will be leaving early to attend the Diocesan Budget Roadshow at St. Bede's. Mitzi moved that the agenda be approved with the change. Heidi seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

III DISPOSITION OF THE JANUARY 24, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

Guy resolved the question raised by Mitzi regarding the designation of a bequest without clear donor intent after January 20, 2019. Any bequest prior to January, 20, 2019 (the date when the Endowed Reserve Fund was announced to the parish) shall be placed in the Endowment Fund. After that date, the distribution of bequests without a donor designation will be left to the discretion of the vestry. The Legacy Society will draft a Declaration of Intent Form to allow legators to choose between the two funds or split their legacy on a percentage basis of their choice between the funds. Mike then moved to accept the January minutes. Penni seconded the motion and the motion carried.

IV BIBLE STUDY

Father Robin led the Bible study following Dan's reading of Luke 9: 28-43a.

V SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT - GUY GRONQUIST

Guy broached the issue of the use of the Scheffler Library Bequest. The dilemma remains the violation of the by-laws in the use of some of the income from the bequest for operating expenses. The bequest is now being used to pay the salary of the librarian (\$7,000 -\$8,000) and for the purchase of periodicals, clearly operating expenses, in addition to other non-operating expenses. The librarian position did not exist at the time of the bequest. It was suggested that the salary could be paid out of Holy Faith's operating budget. However, Penni would then have to announce a budget deficit. Another possible solution would be

moving the Scheffler Library Bequest to the Endowed Reserve Fund. This would accomplish the Finance Committee's recommendation that the situation be regularized. Guy also suggested that a new Article 7 could be added to the by-laws to protect the Endowed Reserve Fund in the same manner as the Endowment Fund.

Guy spoke of the struggle of how to spend annually the library income from the Scheffler Fund. While this is not the driving concern it is still a concern.

Clearly, before any move is made the Library Committee must be consulted and any decision taken by the vestry must be explained to the parish.

Father Robin suggested that careful thought be given to this matter before the retreat in March. This topic will be added to that agenda.

VI JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT - PAUL D'ARCY

In Paul's absence, Guy will send Paul's report electronically to the vestry.

VII ASSOCIATE RECTOR'S REPORT - FATHER JIM GORDON

Father Jim spoke on the subject of transparency and keeping with Bishop Hunn's practice with Diocesan Council. Father Jim proposed that we adopt to publish the vestry minutes on the website each month. This would be done within a couple of weeks of the vestry meeting. The minutes could also be posted on the bulletin board for those without computer access.

Mike commented that the minutes are now available to the parish through the parish office.

This will be further discussed at the March retreat.

VIII TREASURER'S REPORT - PENNI CHAMBERS

January Financials

Penni distributed the Statement of Operations for the Year 2019 and reported on the January financials. She was delighted to report the year 2018 ended in the black, a great way to begin the new year.

Parochial Report

The Parochial Report is required each year and must be turned in by tomorrow (March 1). The report requires the vestry's approval by signature. The motion was made by Mike to adopt the report, Penni seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Endowment Reserve Fund Contribution

A generous donation of \$25,000 was made to Holy Faith by a parishioner. There was no donor designation but that it should be used at the discretion of the vestry. The Vestry directed that it be designated for the Endowed Reserve Fund.

IX RECTOR'S REPORT - FATHER ROBIN DODGE

Father Robin welcomed the new members of the vestry: Leslea, Dan, and Charles. He also extended a welcome to Mother Pam.

He reminded the vestry of the beginning of Lent, on Ash Wednesday, March 6. The vestry is encouraged to attend one of the services offered on Ash Wednesday. Mother Pam will be preaching at all three of the services.

Lenten Soup Suppers will begin on March 13 and continue each Wednesday during Lent. The suppers will be followed by a discussion of Rowan Williams' book *Being Disciples: Essentials of the Christian Life*.

Father Robin stated that he will be reaching out spiritually to parishioners regarding pledges that have not yet been made or received.

In serving as Canon and thereby a member of the Cathedral Chapter, Father Robin will be on the Cathedral Dean Selection Committee. The search process is just beginning and will wrap up in mid-July.

X MISSION & OUTREACH GRANTS - CHARLES ROUNTREE

A list of the grant cycle for 2018-2019 was distributed. Charles reported the unusual circumstance of having more money than people are asking for. Charles was grateful for the committee members who made the vetting process less difficult. The decision was made to overfund some of the organizations and to underfund those with less direct aid.

Dan made the motion to accept the committee's proposed grants. Leslea seconded the motion and the motion carried.

XI ASSOCIATE RECTOR'S REPORT - MOTHER PAM GRAHAM

Mother Pam expressed her gratitude to the fantastic group of volunteers for both the Children's Chapel and the Women's Spiritual Group.

The Valentine Cookie Caper was a success. Twenty-eight children attended and lots of cookies were made. The Women's Quiet Day was well attended. There were 120 registered for the class with a waiting list. However, due to the extreme winter weather only 86 attended. "Pretzels and Palms" is coming up on March 5. The children will witness the

burning of the palms for Ash Wednesday and then have a lesson on Lent and discuss the symbolism of the pretzel.

Mother Pam brought up the possibility of having Sunday School during the Forum. This will be another topic for the retreat.

X OTHER BUSINESS

Father Robin stated the requirement of licensing after the age of 72 (retirement age). Father Robin recommended, with the support of the vestry, that the application for Deacon Pat be sent to the bishop. Mike motioned that the application be sent and Mitzi seconded the motion. All present approved. The application was signed by the vestry.

Father Robin asked that we keep Deacon Pat in our prayers. Cancer cells were removed from her nose and now she will undergo plastic surgery.

The Vestry Retreat is coming up on March 22 & 23. Friday evening will be a dinner and Saturday at 9:00 a.m. the business portion will begin, after coffee and pastries at 8:30am.

XI CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT

Father Robin led the Vestry in a closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32.

Vestry Retreat - March 22-23

Next Meeting - April 25, 2019