

**MEETING OF THE VESTRY  
THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAITH  
May 23, 2019**

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

**I CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm. The opening prayer was led by Father Robin.

**II ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

Father Robin added an executive session to the agenda in order to discuss personnel matters. Guy requested that his report include; A) Security, B) Canon to the Ordinary, and C) Endowed Reserve Fund. Father Jim will have no Associate Rector's Report. Penni motioned that the agenda be accepted with changes, Mike seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

**III DISPOSITION OF THE APRIL 25, 2019 MEETING MINUTES**

Guy moved to accept the April minutes. Penni seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**IV BIBLE STUDY**

Father Jim led the Bible study following Penni's reading of John 14: 23-29.

**V SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT - GUY GRONQUIST**

A. *Security*

Guy told the vestry about a security issue which occurred last Sunday, May 19. Guy, Marty Buchsbaum, Mike Ward, and Ed Colson were aware of a man of unusual character loitering in Palen Hall. The man then followed the procession (after the choir) into the church. He left the church before Father Robin's sermon and went to the garth and then back into Palen Hall. All the while he was being observed. When the man left Palen Hall, Guy locked all of the doors to Palen Hall. They then searched for the man, who was found playing the piano rather loudly in the Kinsolving Room of Conkey House. Ed asked that he play more quietly which upset the man and he left. The children were being held in the Chapel. Mother Pam was notably worried for their security. In the meantime, someone had called 911. The police returned the call but no one answered so the police proceeded to Holy Faith.

Leslea said that she too was concerned and somewhat frightened while setting up the Chapel early this morning. She was aware that an unknown person was walking about outside.

These things said, Guy felt we must return to the discussion of security and the following measures will be taken:

- Signs will be posted noting the 24-hour surveillance cameras.
- Marcos will sit at the desk at the entrance to Conkey House until the children proceed to the Church after Sunday school then lock the doors of Conkey House.
- Mother Pam will always be accompanied by another adult in Children's Chapel.

#### B. Canon to the Ordinary

Guy said that he had been asked by the Bishop to work together with Mtr. Catherine Volland and Canon Scott Ruthven as a Council of Advice as the Bishop seeks a new Canon to the Ordinary. There have been a number of outstanding candidates and the three short-listed individuals will visit El Paso, where the CATO will be based, in the near future. He remarked that he had enjoyed working with Mtr. Catherine and Fr. Scott, and that it reminded him of his work on the Holy Faith Search Committee, where the individuals who served set aside any personal agendas and acted in the best interests of the parish.

#### C. Endowed Reserve Fund

Guy reflected on the Special Vestry Meeting on the previous evening and invited the other Vestry members to share their reflections.

After the other Vestry members weighed in, Father Robin stated that first and foremost the Vestry must regain trust through more transparency and encouraging discussion more broadly. He advocated moving slowly so as not to acerbate the situation. His hope is that we will get to a point where we can have a parish meeting to vote on the Endowed Reserve Fund as a new article to the by-laws. How do we get there? Father Robin suggested organizing a Task Force and having more meetings in the parish for open discussion. Father Robin thought that including Asenath Kepler on the Task Force would be a good idea, and he invited other names. Charles made the motion to empower Father Robin to convene a Task Force to suggest to the Vestry how best to move forward. In the meantime, the moratorium on accepting additional monies for the Endowed Reserve Fund will be continued.

## VI JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT - PAUL D'ARCY

Paul distributed a report of the capital projects for 2019 and then reported on the status of these projects.

- The remediation of the exterior windows and the painting are underway.
- The re-pointing project has been delayed.
- The new flooring in the Children's Room has been completed and looks great.
- Work is being done on the irrigation system for *The Breezeway Garden*.
- Marcos has done a great job of installing the new units in columbarium. He will also install new flagstone in the Memorial Garden.

## **VII TREASURER'S REPORT - PENNI CHAMBERS**

### April Financials

Penni distributed the Statement of Operations for the Year 2019 and reported on the April financials. She is not asking for approval at this meeting because she is still dealing with the formatting differences between Church Windows and QuickBooks. She was, however happy to report a balanced budget and a good cash balance.

Father Robin extended a special thank you to Penni for her dedication and hard work.

## **VIII RECTOR'S REPORT - FATHER ROBIN DODGE**

Father Robin reminded the vestry of the Bishop's official visitation to Holy Faith on Sunday, June 23. The Bishop will be preaching at both the 8:30 and 11:00 services. Bishop Hunn actually has the whole weekend available and would like to meet with the vestry to share information and goals. Father Robin suggested a Saturday dinner or possibly meeting on Sunday afternoon. Everyone agreed that Saturday would work best. Father Robin has already talked to Thérèse about hosting a dinner on Saturday but the time will be determined later.

Bishop Hunn will also speak at the Forum and looks forward to meeting with the congregation and the associate clergy.

Father Robin's work continues on the search committee for the Dean of St. John's Cathedral. They are now conducting one-on-one interviews with candidates.

## **IX OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

## **X CLOSING PRAYER & ADJOURNMENT**

Father Robin adjourned the meeting with a closing prayer at 6:57 pm.

## **XI EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The vestry then went into executive session, which ended at 7:12 pm, to discuss personnel matters.