

**MEETING OF THE VESTRY
THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAITH
August 22, 2019**

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

I CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm. The opening prayer was led by Father Robin.

II ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Due to Father Jim's absence there will be no Associate Rector's Report. The number sequence will be changed accordingly. Penni motioned that the agenda be accepted with the change, Heidi seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

III DISPOSITION OF THE JULY 25, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

Paul noted corrections to his July report and Father Robin recommended a change in the Treasurer's Report. Paul moved to accept the amended July 25, 2019 minutes. Mitzi seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

IV BIBLE STUDY

Father Robin led the Bible study following Mitzi's reading of Luke 13: 10-17.

V ENDOWED RESERVE FUND TASK FORCE – Fr. Robin Dodge

Last Monday, August 12, the Task Force met and agreed on a final discussion draft of the new Article VII to the by-laws. Asenath Kepler took the lead in drafting the new article. The first draft involved a lot of discussion. One of these being discussion on how to deal with incoming money. The second draft included several news ideas. The decision was made on Monday to present this third draft to the vestry for its approval.

The plan going forward pending vestry approval of the draft is to have meetings with the parish to answer questions and discuss any concerns. A special parish meeting hopefully would be held before the end of the year to consider the changes to the by-laws.

After discussion, Mike motioned to accept the draft for discussion with the parish. Penni seconded the motion and the motion carried.

VI CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – Thérèse Saint-André

Thérèse joined the meeting and presented a proposal for a college scholarship fund called "Holy Faith Futures." he stated the concerns of parents for their children and funding for college. Scholarships are not awarded for religion as they are for athletics and academics. The program would be a long-term savings program and would benefit the youth at Holy Faith, most of who currently are under the age of 10. The belief is that the program would also encourage attendance by families.

Paul believes this could be a demographic for change. Studies show that most children who attend church will leave, but they are more likely to return at some point.

Thérèse explained some of the guidelines could include a maintained GPA and faithful church attendance. A family that would benefit from the scholarship fund would not be on the steering committee. A donor could not specify a child as recipient.

Guy suggested postponing presenting the program to the parish until after consideration of Article VII. He also expressed his concerns regarding a savings versus investment account and felt that Holy Faith's investment committee should manage the account. Guy would prefer holistic programs versus a financial incentive for attendance.

Guy motioned that the rector constitute a task force to look holistically at Children and Youth Ministries at Holy Faith to include the proposed scholarship program "Holy Faith Futures" with the goal of being able to report to the parish at the annual meeting. Mike seconded the motion and the motion carried.

VII SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT – Guy Gronquist

Cathy and Guy entertained 40 newcomers at their home last week. Paul extended his thanks to Guy for the fun evening.

Holy Faith will serve at the Homeless Shelter during the week of October 27. Signup sheets will be in Palen Hall soon.

VIII JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT – Paul D'Arcy

Paul reported the unanimous vote to proceed with the proposal from Crocker Ltd. to repair the stucco on the church. Guy motioned to formalize the email ratification. Penni seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Paul also requested the approval of the removal of branches on an elm tree located on Palace Avenue. The cost of the project by Coates Tree Service is \$455.44. There is also the potential problem with another tree. Mitzi moved to approve the project. Mike seconded and the motion carried.

The pew pencil holders are finished and Paul has them in his possession. The platform for the tool shed has also been completed.

IX TREASURER'S REPORT – Penni Chambers

July Financials

Penni distributed financial reports for the year 2019 and reported on the July financials. Penni reported that we are in good, solid shape. Guy moved to accept the financials, Mike seconded, and the motion carried.

Penni is having conversations with the auditors regarding their invoice and anticipates a more reasonable fee.

X RECTOR'S REPORT – Fr. Robin Dodge

Father Robin announced the theme, Light of Christ, of this year's stewardship campaign. He extended a special thanks to Ruth and Paul D'Arcy for co-chairing the campaign. A mock-up design of the brochure was passed among the vestry.

Holy Faith is forming a Stewardship of Creation committee to promote recycling on campus and reduce the parish's carbon footprint.

Father Robin reminded the vestry of last year's Emergency Preparedness Guidelines. Holy Faith will now include an "Active Shooter Plan, as required by the diocese. Last year's task force will be charged with formulating such a plan.

The annual picnic will be this Sunday, August 25, from 5:00 to 7:00 at Bishop's Ridge.

Father Robin will be on vacation from August 23 through September 22.

XI ASSOCIATE RECTOR'S REPORT – Mother Pam Graham

Mother Pam was pleased with the good attendance of the Celtic Spirituality discussions which recently concluded.

She is working to light a fire under the Children's Program.

Sunday School will begin on September 15.

XII OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

XIII CLOSING PRAYER & ADJOURNMENT

Father Robin led the Vestry in a closing prayer. Mitzi motioned that the meeting be adjourned, Penni seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:40.

Next Meeting – September 26, 2019