

**MEETING OF THE VESTRY
THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAITH
September 26, 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Father Robin Dodge, Guy Gronquist, Penni Chambers, Mitzi Barker, Heidi Hahn, Mike Ward, Dan Green, Paul D'Arcy and Charles Rountree.

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Mother Pam Graham

- **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. with Father 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 August 22, 2019 MEETING MINUTES**

Guy moved, and Dan seconded the acceptance of the Minutes as presented. *Carried unanimously.*

- **BIBLE STUDY**

Father Robin led the Vestry in Bible study on Luke 16: 19-31.

- **SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT – Guy Gronquist**

Guy reviewed the work of the Endowment Task Force, specifically the procedure to bring forward the proposed Article VII amendment to the By-Laws creating and governing an Operations Endowment Fund. When a Parish meeting is called to review and vote on the proposed amendment, Guy (on behalf of the Vestry) will move to withdraw the motion presented and tabled at the 2018 Annual Meeting. The proposed Article VII amendment, approved by the Vestry at the August Vestry meeting, will then be presented for discussion. The By-Laws require a 2/3 affirmative vote of those present to adopt a financial amendment to the By-Laws. Prior to discussion, Guy requested that the Minutes reflect the Vestry's appreciation of the efforts made by the Task Force to bring the parish concerns to an equitable resolution. In discussion, Fr. Robin expressed optimism that the Task Force has addressed the concerns expressed at the special May meeting. It was also determined that changes presented in the 'Listening Sessions' be incorporated into the final draft and then reviewed and voted upon by the Vestry. Following the presentation and discussion:

- Guy moved, and Penni seconded, that the Vestry commit to the parliamentary procedure to withdraw the original amendment change and then present the proposed Article VII amendment to the By-Laws at a special parish meeting. *Carried unanimously.*
- Guy moved, and Mitzi seconded, that, if the proposed Article VII amendment is adopted by the Parish, the Vestry commit to rolling over funds from the Endowed Reserve Fund to the new Operations Endowment Fund. *Carried unanimously.*

- **TREASURER'S REPORT – Penni Chambers**

Penni reviewed the August financial reports. In summary, while expenses exceed income, the Parish normally sees lower contributions during the summer months. Anticipated giving in the final months of the year historically clears deficits. Penni pointed out that the actual deficit is less than the expected deficit for this point in the year. Paul moved, and Mitzi seconded accepting the August financial reports. *Carried unanimously.*

Penni also reported that the Finance Committee had recommended transferring funds from Northern Trust for Third Quarter 2019 capital expenditures both paid and invoiced. Penni moved (on behalf of the Finance Committee) and Mitzi seconded a motion to approve the transfer. *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. To date, there are \$24K in uncommitted budgeted capital expenditures for the year.

- **RECTOR'S REPORT – Fr. Robin Dodge**

Fr. Robin thanked the Vestry their leadership in his vacation absence. In response to establishing a Children's Futures Scholarship Program discussed at last month's meeting, an exploratory task force will be established. Those invited to participate include Thérèse Saint-André, Heidi Hahn, Dan Green, Charles Rountree, Paul D'Arcy, Mtr. Pam Graham, Peter Lockyer, and Johanna Cinader. Thérèse will call an organizing meeting of the task force at a future date.

Fr. Robin announced that Paul and Ruth D'Arcy will lead the 2020 stewardship campaign. 'The Light of Christ' campaign will begin November 3rd with Fr. Richard Murphy preaching. The campaign will conclude November 24th with the Parish Thanksgiving Dinner.

An effort is being made to determine where we, as a Parish, can reduce our carbon footprint. John Barton will form a group to study and identify specific initiatives.

An Active Shooter protocol is being developed with the first step being a safety audit of the Parish campus.

The Diocesan Convention will be held in Silver City in October. Running for lay deputies to the General Convention in Baltimore next summer are Guy Gronquist and Mark Childers. Prior to attending in Silver City, Fr. Robin will speak at St Alban's in El Paso on 'Spirituality in Anglo-Catholicism'.

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

- **ASSOCIATE RECTOR'S REPORT – Mtr. Pam Graham**

Mtr. Pam reported that Sunday School has started. In addition, she has met with teenagers in the Parish to discuss opportunities to serve.

There being no further business, Mitzi moved, and Paul seconded, to adjourn. *Carried unanimously.* The meeting closed at 5:59 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Charles Rountree*