

March 21, 2024 – 5:00 PM
Holy Faith VESTRY
Youth Room, Conkey House
The Church of the Holy Faith

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fr Robin Dodge, Mike Morrissey, Pam Jones, Mark Everett, Peter Lockyer, Steven Shore, Preston Stone, Charles Rountree

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ruth Rael, Kaki Grubbs

GUESTS PRESENT: Mtr. Lynn Finnegan

- **Call to Order**

Fr. Robin called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM and led the Vestry in prayer.

- **Acceptance of the Agenda**

Mike moved, and Steven seconded acceptance of the agenda.

Carried unanimously.

- **Disposition of the February 22, 2024 Minutes**

Mike moved, and Preston seconded acceptance of the February 22, 2024 minutes.

Carried unanimously.

- **Bible Study**

Mtr. Lynn led the Vestry in Bible study on Mark 11: 1- 11.

- **Treasurer's Report – Charles Rountree**

Charles reported that February giving was less than anticipated although March is a robust month with 5 Sundays. Total giving as of the date of the vestry meeting is \$140,000 and the first quarter looks solid with expenses where they should be. Of concern is what the 2nd and 3rd quarter giving will be. Northern Trust is showing positive returns.

Charles reported the following cash balances as of 2/29/2024.:

• Century Bank	\$78,719
• First Citizens	\$191,114
• Sunflower	\$ 2,500
• Sunflower Money Market	\$138,487

The total for all accounts is \$410,820.

The Women's Guild presented in writing their proposed disbursements and requested release of \$18,842.24 from their Scheffler Fund portion to the Guild.

The Library budget was presented. It was stated that the salary for the Librarian is simply a placeholder. No one is hired at this time.

The Vestry accepted the Treasurer's Report, as well as the Women's Guild disbursements and the Library budget, as recommended by the Finance Committee, unanimously.

- **Junior Warden's Report – Preston Stone**

Preston reported the new HVAC system installed in the choir room is up and running. The Palen Hall roof exterior has been repaired. We received an actual proposal in the amount of \$1,950 to repair the interior of the kitchen. This proposal is significantly less than the other. The work needs to be scheduled.

The insurance policy will be updated to reflect the new HVAC system and boiler as well as the fire alarm.

Preston reported that the shed in the back of the church was broken into and some equipment was stolen. A suggested solution is to move the shed to a location better covered by the security cameras.

- **Senior Warden's Report – Mike Morrissey**

None.

- **Rector's Report – Fr. Robin**

Fr. Robin began by encouraging all vestry members to be present as much as possible during all the Holy Week services. He also requested that those of us who were at church all Sunday morning use the parking available at the Peyton Wright Gallery.

Fr. Robin reported that from the Parish survey results, it was determined that some members of Holy Faith felt that the services were too long, and some of those who came from a Rite II background sensed there was no place for them at Holy Faith. Following on from his address at the Annual Meeting, Fr. Robin stated that during the Easter season Rite II would be offered during the 8:30am services on a trial basis. The April 14th forum discussion would be about the Rite II liturgy, and the May 19th forum discussion will seek feedback before evaluating the trial use at the May Vestry meeting. A suggestion was made that the 8:30 bulletins include a feedback form during the trial use.

Fr. Robin gave an overview of the Episcopal Church's 2015 approval of same-sex marriage and trial use of the liturgies for same-sex marriage and blessings. At that time, discussion of the issue at the parish level was encouraged in every Diocese. Holy Faith has not engaged in such a process, but now a parishioner couple has asked to receive a blessing of their civil marriage. Fr. Robin proposed that the parish begin such a process and the sense of the Vestry concurred. Accordingly, he stated that the April 21, 2024 forum would review the theology of same sex marriage, and the following forum on April 28 would look at the rites used for this. Parishioner feedback would be solicited so that at the May Vestry meeting the Vestry could discuss and vote on whether to permit same-sex marriages and blessings at Holy Faith.

Fr. Robin distributed the resume of a UK Seminarian who is interested in doing field work at Holy Faith during the month of June. The Vestry endorsed the idea.

We will again be doing Vestry check in calls during the months of April and May. Fr. Robin will divide up the directory and give sections to each Vestry member for these calls.

- **Associate Rector's Report – Mtr. Lynn**

Mtr. Lynn gave an overview of the Juarez House build in which Holy Faith participated with St. Bede's. She reported that this endeavor cost approximately \$15,000 to build the house and purchase household items. Our Women's Guild made a donation to this effort.

Holy Faith provided Ashes to Go at both the Plaza and St. John's College.

There will be a Maundy Thursday Children's foot washing as well as our 2nd annual foot washing at the Interfaith Shelter – Pete's Place.

We will again provide Bunny Bait treats at St. John's College as our Easter Outreach, and Faith Family will write and send out Easter cards to our shut-ins.

St. Bede's will host a Children's Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, to which we are invited.

- **Other Business**

There being no further business, Mike moved, and Mark seconded, a motion to adjourn.

Carried unanimously.

The meeting concluded at 6:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Jones