

July 7, 2020 – 5:00 PM
Holy Faith Special Vestry Meeting

DUE TO HEALTH PROTOCOLS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, THE VESTRY MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Father Robin Dodge, Guy Gronquist, Paul D’Arcy, Dan Green, Leslea McCabe, Heidi Hahn, Van Swift, Charles Chambers, Walter Sterling, Charles Rountree

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Father Jim Gordon

- **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by Father Robin who led the Vestry in an opening prayer. This special meeting was called to consider the Vestry’s response to the Diocese concerning the future of the Bishop’s Ridge property.

- **Bishop’s Ridge Property**

The Executive Committee presented the Vestry with a draft response to the Diocese concerning the potential sale of the Bishop’s Ridge property. The primary concern of the Vestry stems from the ‘Bateman Report’ which mentions a ‘moral obligation’ to return Bishop’s Ridge to Holy Faith if the property is no longer used for the purpose intended at the time the gift was made.

In discussion, it was felt that the draft response clearly expressed the view of the Vestry that the Diocese had a ‘moral obligation’ to reconvey Bishop’s Ridge to Holy Faith if the diocese was unwilling or unable to use of the property primarily for religious or educational purposes. Concern was expressed that the language in the draft response was overly confrontational and specific edits were suggested. Emphasis was placed on the language in the final paragraph that suggests a compromise was the desired outcome. It was noted that, while the Vestry had no desire to have the property returned to Holy Faith, there was an imperative to see that any funds from the sale of the property would be dedicated towards youth ministries and education consistent with the intention of the gift. Van moved, and Walter seconded, that the response, as edited, be adopted. *Carried unanimously.*

(The response was subsequently sent July 8th, 2020 from Fr. Robin Dodge as Rector and Guy Gronquist as Senior Warden. The recipients were the Bishop, the Canon to the Ordinary, the President of the Standing Committee, the Vice President of Diocesan Council, the Chancellor for New Mexico, and the Chancellor for Texas.)

The Vestry thanked Guy for the tremendous effort taken in writing the response.

There being no further business, Paul moved, and Dan seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. *Carried unanimously.*

Following prayer, Fr. Robin closed the meeting at 6:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Rountree