

September 26, 2024 – 5:00 PM
Holy Faith VESTRY
Youth Room, Conkey House
The Church of the Holy Faith

MINUTES FINAL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ruth Rael, Kaki Grubbs, Steven Shore, Peter Lockyer, Charles Rountree, Preston Stone, Fr. Robin Dodge, Mike Morrissey, Pam Jones

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Everett

GUESTS: Jim and Patty Vaughn, Mtr. Lynn Finnegan

- **Call to Order**

Fr. Robin called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and led the Vestry in prayer.

The newly appointed chairs of the Stewardship campaign were introduced. Jim and Patty Vaughn gave an overview of the stewardship campaign for 2024. The Prayer of St. Francis is the theme for giving this year with the goal of more pledges, those who pledge increasing their pledges and all pledges received in a timely manner.

Beginning October 6, and continuing throughout the stewardship drive, the clergy will preach on the Prayer of St. Francis. In-gathering Sunday will be on November 24th.

- **Acceptance of the Agenda**

Mike moved, and Steven seconded acceptance of the agenda.

Carried unanimously.

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

Steven moved, and Kaki seconded acceptance of the August 22, 2024 minutes.

Carried unanimously.

- **Bible Study**

Fr. Robin led the Vestry in Bible study.

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

Charles reported stronger than anticipated giving combined with the semi-annual draw from the Endowment has resulted in a year-to-date surplus of \$20,760. Overall expenses continue to be less than budgeted due to less than anticipated capital improvement spending. The upcoming work on the planned ice abatement and parking lot improvement projects will draw against the budgeted 2024 expenditures. We continue to be in a strong cash position as we go into the final third of the year

Charles stated the auditors are experiencing a staffing issue and there continues to be a delay in the beginning of fieldwork. Charles has asked for a firm deadline for the completion of the audit.

Fair Share support for the Diocese is \$9,702 reflecting August 2024 contributions.

Charles reported the following cash balances as of August 2024:

	<u>Beginning 1/1/24</u>	<u>8/31/2024</u>
• Century Bank	\$174,682	\$178,964
• First Citizens MM	\$191,035	\$ 41,147
• First Citizens CD		\$150,000 Earning 5%
• Sunflower Checking	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
• Sunflower MM	\$138,405	\$38,526
• <u>Sunflower CD</u>		<u>\$100,000 Earning 4.362%</u>
	\$506,622	\$511,136

Northern Trust balance of the invested funds at August 2024 compared to beginning of the year:

	<u>Beginning 1/1/2024</u>	<u>8/31/2024</u>
Endowment	\$ 9,155,543	\$9,996,516
Article VII	\$ 551,798	\$ 757,174
	\$9,707,341	\$10,610,095

There is a \$5000 gift being directed to the Endowment VI fund.

The Vestry accepted the Treasurer's Report as recommended by the Finance Committee, unanimously.

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

Preston reported he is still trying to get in touch with Wizer Electric.

Approval was granted to dig for the gas line project which should wrap up the first week in October.

The original Dutch door which was approved for the nursely did not fit the doorframe. This plan is to hire Alpha Painting to make adjustments to the existing door to make it a Dutch door.

The Vestry accepted the Junior Warden's Report as recommended by the Finance Committee, unanimously.

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

Mike spoke about the program in existence supporting work at the border, specifically at the International bridge. He reported that the Bridge Coordinator will be present at Holy Faith on November 10th to lead the Forum and discuss the ongoing work at the border. Mike asked that this Forum be promoted to increase attendance.

- **Rector's Report – Fr. Robin**

Fr. Robin stated that October 10th is the hearing date in Santa Fe Circuit Court for the petition concerning using the library portion of the Sheffler Fund for operating expenses. The hearing will begin at 12:15pm and can be attended on Google Meet.

The Newcomer's Reception was attended by 10 newcomers, although 32 members received invitations.

The parish plans to launch **Dinners for 8** again this year. Announcements to that effect will be made during services throughout October with the program to begin in December.

Fr. Robin and Mtr. Lynn will attend the Clergy Conference, and Mark Childers was invited to make a presentation on Liturgy. Donna Lukacs will be on vacation during that week, and the offices will be closed Wednesday and Thursday. All classes will be cancelled Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of that week.

Evensong will be sung on Friday, October 4th, with a reception following. On Sunday, October 6th the Feast of St. Francis will be celebrated with a solemn high mass and Baptism at the 11am service. The Pet Blessing will be that afternoon at 4pm.

Fr. Robin reported that he will be out of the office attending his 25th Seminary reunion and homecoming in Virginia from October 14 – 17th.

The Ministry Fair will be held in Palen Hall on November 3rd.

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

Mtr Lynn will present, during the Form, a two-part series on Resurrection and Life – end of life planning.

Parent's Night Out was a success with participants from Holy Faith's children's ministry.

The Youth Carnival will be held on Saturday, October 26th in place of the Trunk or Treat held in the past. At the conclusion of the carnival there will be prayers at the Ofrenda in Palen Hall.

All Souls' Day will be celebrated at the Taize service on October 29th with a candlelight procession from the church to the Ofrenda.

The Youth Group is going on a hiking adventure at Tsankawi historic site on October 14th.

Mtr. Lynn reported on the progress of creating the pallet homes at Christ Lutheran for those experiencing homelessness. Meals will be provided, and perhaps Holy Faith could participate by providing some meals.

- **Other Business**

None.

After closing with prayer, Mike moved, and Kaki seconded a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:12pm.

Carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Jones