

## Holy Family Parish Council Meeting Minutes – August 28, 2023

**Attendees:** Fr. George Munjanattu, Jackie Mudd (Chairperson), Bennet Davis, Jim Gast, Elizabeth Hobson, Seena Iype, Michele Osbourn and Becky Morris.

**Absent:** Deacon Pat Wright, Helen Arnold.

Fr. George opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a prayer.

1. Debt Reduction Discussion – Finance Committee has approved payment of \$40,000 to the non-interest-bearing loan with the Archdiocese, with the Parish Council concurrence. After discussion, the Council agreed to \$20K being paid now with the remaining amount held until January in case of other parish needs. The Finance Committee, with Fr. George's approval, already approved a \$1,500/month payment to the Archdiocese to continue to pay down the amount on the loan.
2. Statue Review – Over \$10,000 has been raised toward the \$25,000 goal. Council members discussed comments from parishioners about the purchase and placement of the statue. The Council members' discussion noted the positive visible impact of having the statue of the Holy Family in front of church. The Syro Malabar community has made a large donation to the fund. A Trivia Night is scheduled September 16<sup>th</sup> to raise funds.
3. Chairperson Meeting and Marketing of Events – A meeting of parish committee chairpersons, plus others, was held August 8<sup>th</sup>. Attendees discussed upcoming events, overlapping of resources, how to market and advertise the events and rentals for Holy Family Saffin Center space. The Advertising Project at this time will include two strategies. Seena Iype will keep the Holy Family marketing/information brochure updated with a rotating calendar of events. New brochures will be produced with these updated calendar events. Becky Morris will keep an email distribution list to be used to blast messages to parishioners, alumni and others about upcoming events. New email addresses will be solicited at events and Becky will add to her master distribution list. Committees were asked to get their events on the parish calendar for the next two years. Fr. George requested groups let him know about all upcoming events. He also requested committees track and report the number of volunteer hours. **ACTION ITEM:** Becky to send out flyer for Trivia Night. **ACTION ITEM:** Seena agreed to work with Jackie on "Welcoming Packet."
4. Saffin Center Update – The Saffin Center committee met August 28, 2023. The rental cost schedule was again reviewed. Fr. George commented the goal was to not just make the Saffin Center a profit center, but to build the parish by supporting all of the parish activities and events. Alumni will be charged the parishioner rate and four non-profits will be able to rent free. Holy Family will pay a 6-month fee to the website "Eventetective." This site will allow the Saffin Center committee to identify people/groups doing searches about Holy Family's available facilities. These groups can then be contacted by a Holy Family

representative to answer questions and perhaps obtain a contract. The committee has identified a list (Phases) of recommended physical improvements. For Phase 1 – the kitchen, bar and Riede Room will be updated. The Saffin Center committee also discussed having an on-site person for events with the goal of no requirement for key access, and pursuing a liquor license.

5. Office Hours – After reviewing 3 months of data, Fr. George announced the parish office hours will return to Monday-Thursday. Friday closed.
6. Other items:
  - Holy Family had a table at Bellarmine’s opening Mass and get-together on 8/27. Michele and Maria Osbourn represented Holy Family. Michele reported that several students expressed interest in coming to Holy Family. There was discussion about inviting them to a Saturday Mass with pickleball afterwards. Also discussion on student transportation needs to get here. **ACTION ITEM:** Jackie and Elizabeth Hobson to discuss and determine if a grant is available through Bellarmine to assist with transportation.
  - We are still receiving comments about music at Mass: some want more traditional songs; some want more/different musical instruments; some want larger choir; some want choir to not practice before Mass. This will be an on-going discussion topic.
  - No Flagpole Update
  - Sale of inherited property in progress.
  - Fr. George announced Brent Coomes has been hired as our new bookkeeper. We still need a maintenance person. **ACTION ITEM:** Put Maintenance person in bulletin again.
  - Question on need for security cameras raised again, especially with new statue and new liquor license. Future discussion.
  - David Nett will be mediator handling purchase of new statue.
  - YoYos will meet 9/21 at 8:30 a.m. in the Brennan Room for social time refreshments.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. with a prayer led by Fr. George. .

**Next meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2023.**

(Minutes submitted by Becky Morris.)