

## Holy Family Parish Council Meeting Minutes – September 27, 2021

**Attendees:** Fr. George Munjanattu, Jackie Mudd (Chairperson), Helen Arnold, Jim Gast, Michele Osbourn and Becky Morris plus guest Rachel Booker. **Absent:** Deacon Pat Wright, Randy Thomas.

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

1. Rachel Booker, Music Director, presented information to the Council on the future direction of music and the choir at Holy Family. After presenting her credentials, Rachel noted she had a discussion with Fr. George and Fr. John. There is a desire to increase the size of the choir to where we were 15 years ago (30 members). Rachel discussed the roadblocks to that expansion (practice times, congregation participation, and the cost of professional singers) and discussed tentative plans for growth. The Finance Committee has authorized funding for “choir masks” to address COVID concerns, as well as funds to hire singers to expand the choir, funds to have more instrumentalists and funds to purchase instrument accompaniment books. **ACTION ITEM:** Rachel has agreed to make a presentation to the congregation, encouraging more choir participation from them. She will obtain the choir COVID masks and continue to research requested instrumentalist books.
2. Parish Data System (PDS) – PDS is a company the Archdiocese and other parishes use to track data on parish members. Holy Family has completed the move to the “on demand” server. All computers have been converted.
3. New sign on the front of the property – project is in progress. No timeline on when it will be completed.
4. A piece of property was gifted to Holy Family from Teresa Becker at 1214 Becker Avenue off Preston, south of Gilmore Lane. A neighbor desires to purchase the property. **ACTION ITEM:** Deacon Pat will meet with the neighbor to determine viability to sell.
5. Church Safety Plan – Previously the Council discussed the idea of some type of “security” measures when church is in session. Do we need or want persons to watch the doors or parking lot for any potential issues. **ACTION ITEMS:** Jackie will add Safety Team to the stewardship form. Deacon Pat will check with other parishes (St. Raphael?) to see what they have in place. Deacon Pat will also check with what or who is available through the Archdiocese to advise us or to offer a seminar open to all parishioners.
6. Stewardship Form – Jackie Mudd reviewed the form with Council members. She requested we send her any updates. Parishioners will be asked to return forms by the end of year. **ACTION ITEMS:** Council members should review the form and submit updates to Jackie. She will add Safety Team plus other updates to the form. Fr. George will write the cover letter.
7. Fr. George updates:

- a. Holy Family was a “finalist” in the Best of the Best of 2021 in the Courier Journal. **ACTION ITEM:** Jordan Mudd to prepare one page notice for the bulletin to include any info about the award plus comments from Facebook.
  - b. Sacristans who replaced Helen Beyerle are doing well. There are sufficient volunteers to handle Saturday and Sunday Masses. Charles Amback has agreed to handle weekdays and funerals.
  - c. Church sound system – suggestions to have the sound system adjusted. It cannot be heard clearly in all points of the church. **ACTION ITEM:** Fr. George to request the vendor to evaluate and adjust if possible.
  - d. India – Fr. George noted that it is a tradition in India for the pastor to visit parishioners in their homes to bless their homes and determine if they have any needs. **ACTION ITEMS:** Fr. George to include in the Stewardship cover letter asking if any parishioners want an in-home visit. Jackie and team will review the parish directory to identify possible parishioners as candidates for home visits. (This list due at October meeting.)
8. **ACTION ITEM:** Michelle Osbourn was asked to provide a list of members of the Community Health Ministry nurses and team.
  9. **ACTION ITEM:** Jackie Mudd to check with Marvin Stober and Don Wissell about handrails for cantor stand and ramp by baptismal font.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. with a prayer by Fr. George. **Next meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2021.** (Minutes submitted by Becky Morris.)