

# Approved Vestry Council Minutes

## In Person and Via Zoom

### September 20, 2022

#### Present:

Matthew Wood (RC 23)	Fr Mario Melendez ( <i>via zoom</i> )
Joann Mancuso (RC 23)	Steve Stanley (RC 25)
David Dickerson (E 24 <i>via zoom</i> )	Whitney McDaniel (E 23)
Dc. Gary Harmeyer	Anna Crosby (RC 24)
Bonnie Startt (E 24)	Mike Meehan ( <i>via zoom</i> )
Grace Leighton (Secretary)	

#### Absent:

Charlie Mills (E 23)

#### Call to Order:

Matt called the meeting to order at 6.32 pm with a prayer.

#### Spiritual Formation:

Dc. Gary led a reading and discussion from "The Book of Awakening" Mark Nepo

#### Approve Meeting Minutes from 16<sup>th</sup> August 2022

Minutes were approved.

#### Finance Council Report: Mike Meehan

- Income/Expense statements for August were provided by the bookkeeper.
- Capital Improvement Fund and other designated funds are adequately funded.
- Income for the Fall Fling fundraiser has not been tallied.

#### CLERGY REPORT

- Theology On Tap continues on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month.
- Fr. Mario held an Episcopal Eucharistic service on 09/20/2022 @ 9:10am with 4 in attendance.
- Fr. Mario is contacting and looking into bilingual services with other parishes.
- Fr. Mario has contacted Megan Dern, Missioner for Youths & Adults with the Episcopal diocese, and will schedule her to come to Holy Apostles some Sunday in October or November.
- Funeral for Msgr. Ray Barton is Wednesday, 9/28 at 11am at St. Nicholas Catholic Church. Additional information will be included in Constant Contact emails.
- Sunday September 25 is Rosh Hashana with a Jewish service at 7:30pm. A second service will be Monday at 10am.

#### COMMITTEE REPORT

##### Fellowship

- Thanks to Theresa & Steve Stanley for providing goodies for Sunday fellowship.
- Cake continues for the first Sunday of every month for birthdays and anniversaries.
- Fellowship on the last Sunday of the month is at Mangia Qui.

- We continue to seek a co-chair for the Fellowship Committee (to assist Gail Orland). The co-chair can be of any denomination.

#### **Administration**

- All fire extinguishers are updated and meet the fire code.
- Regular lawn mowing & trimming continues.
- Contacted parking lot pavers.
- A drainage issue occurred during a recent storm with water coming into the men's restroom. It's has been fixed.

#### **Social Ministry**

- Jessica Gray toured HA on August 25 to learn about Plarn mats and was impressed by the volume of outreach ministries at HA.
- The Fuel and Hunger Grant has been submitted.
- RC Social Justice/Outreach meeting at St. Gregory's will be held on September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- HA Social Ministry meeting will be held on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9.30 am.
- African Team Ministry wares will be on sale at HA on November 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Edmarc will be starting up from November 6<sup>th</sup> through December 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Fair Trade Holiday Chocolate Sale on December 11<sup>th</sup>, selling chocolates and coffee.

#### **Christian Formation**

- Bible Study started the first Tuesday in September.
- ACF will be start October 16<sup>th</sup> and will continue to be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month until May 2023. If you plan to attend please think about hosting Fellowship that Sunday.
- Theology on Tap continues on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month.
- Just Faith will host a program on Monday nights at HA.

#### **Liturgy**

- On October 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm, we will celebrate our 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with light hors d'oeuvres followed by an Evening Prayer Service at 4:00pm. The RC officiant will be Msgr. Joe Lehman and we are waiting for confirmation of the Episcopal representative.
- There will be a RC Mass @ 12 with Msgr. Peprah on November 1<sup>st</sup>, and one on December 8<sup>th</sup> for The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### **Ambo Wall – Jackie**

- First estimate for lights, drywall and labor was \$2,500. The contractor will be asked to hold the price until after the Fall Fling fundraiser. After the money is accounted for and a discussion with Finance Council.

##### **Committee Plans / Projects**

- Playground area – working on more estimates and ideas from landscapers for our drainage dilemma.

##### **Parish Retreat**

- Lynne Larson is working on a January date with Msgr. Joe Lehman.
- An Interreligious prayer workshop is being considered for some time around June 2023.

##### **Anniversary 45<sup>th</sup> will be October 30<sup>th</sup>**

- Dc. Gary has confirmed Msgr. Joe Lehman will be present.
- Fr. Mario invited Rev. Thomas Haynes and we are waiting on confirmation.
- Reception at 3pm and Evening Prayer at 4pm. Group pictures will be taken.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Election of new VC Officers and Committee Liaisons**

- President – Steve Stanley and Warden – Whitney McDaniel
- Fellowship: Bonnie Startt & Matt Wood
- Administration: Anna Crosby & David Dickerson
- Social Ministry: Charlie Mills & Steve Stanley
- Liturgy: Whitney McDaniel & Joann Mancuso
- Christian Formation: Joann Mancuso & Bonnie Startt

### **Welcoming & Hospitality Task Force**

- October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9.30am is the first meeting.
- Creating standards for everybody to follow and a Welcome Letter.
- Anna Crosby volunteered to write Thank You's.
- Deacon Gary will write a letter to the NYC Outreach program getting young Catholics and Anglicans to work, pray and celebrate together for a year. We could mention we have been doing this for 45 years already, Virginia Beach is ahead of the Curve!

### **Safe Church Meeting**

- After the regional meeting Whitney and Bonnie have a list of Rules & Guidelines to help HA become compliant with directives.
- Grant money is available for items like new lights, cameras for safety and new doors.

### **Office Admin Support**

- Please volunteer to help in the office with any task.

### **Acknowledgements/Reminders**

- Executive Council SOP have been updated.

## **ANNUAL RETREAT GOALS FOR 2021/22**

### **Christian Unity Goal:**

To investigate and develop a cohesive and ecumenically focused submission to the Synod of Bishops; to increase understanding of why ecumenism holds special significance for our community; and to become a more visible ecumenical partner in the community.

- **Objective 1:** Create an ad-hoc committee composed of Holy Apostles parishioners that will provide an official submission to the Synod of Bishops call for input.

**Responsible Party:** All committees, clergy, parishioners

- **Objective 2:** Increase visibility of Church of the Holy Apostles as an ecumenical/interfaith community through active representation and participation at ecumenical and community activities as sponsors/co-sponsors/active participants.

**Responsible Party:** Ecumenical small committee and other community members, Christian Formation, Fellowship, Liturgy, Social Ministry and clergy

### **Membership and Outreach Goal:**

Continue to communicate Holy Apostles' mission and vision by increasing external exposure of our church to the community through varied media sources and in-person events.

- **Objective 1:** Mail advertising flyers to different local communities to increase awareness of Holy Apostles at least once per quarter.

**Responsible parties:** Administration - Communications; Christian Unity

- **Objective 2:** Submit a news article to the Catholic Virginian, Episcopal Diocesan Newsletter, and the Virginia Media family of newspapers at least once per quarter. Identify at least one ecumenical outreach event to be offered for coverage by local TV news outlets.

**Responsible parties:** Administration – Communications; Christian Unity, Social Ministry

**Stewardship/Social Ministry Goal:**

Increase parishioner participation in Stewardship activities at Holy Apostles and optimize the Social Ministry funds to maximize output in supporting community assistance opportunities.

- **Objective 1:** Increase level of parishioner participation in at least one Stewardship activity to 75% of active parishioners.

**Responsible parties:** Stewardship

- **Objective 2:** Apply for and submit applications to all eligible/available grant opportunities on time. Optimize the utilization of focused discretionary funds and received grant funding to best support and serve the local community to the maximum extent possible throughout the year.

**Responsible parties:** Finance, Social Ministry

**Next scheduled meeting Tuesday October 18, at 6.30pm.**

**Adjournment was at 7.58 pm**

Grace Leighton  
Secretary  
September 20, 2022