

# Approved Vestry Council Minutes Via Zoom September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

**Present:**

Mike Cherwa (RC 22)	Whitney McDaniel (E 23)
Jackie Lucas (RC 22)	Joann Mancuso (RC 23)
Matthew Wood (RC 23)	Kay Ashby (RC 21)
Charlie Mills (E 23)	Andrea Whyte (E 22)
Kim Nichter (E 21)	Fr. Mario Melendez
Dc. Gary Harmeyer	Mike Meehan (Finance)
Julia Hatcher (Secretary)	

**Absent:**

Carolyn Ferguson (E 21)

**Call to Order:**

Mike Cherwa called the meeting to order at 6:10pm with a prayer.

**Time provided for Personal Reflection:**

**Spiritual Formation: Fr. Mario focused the discussion on racism.**

**Approve Meeting Minutes from August 2020:**

Minutes were approved with one typographical correction.

**Finance Council Report: Treasurer - Mike Meehan**

**Financial Update: September 22, 2020**

YTD Income:	\$ 143,290
YTD Expense:	\$ 135,625
YTD Excess:	\$7,665

August Income:	\$ 21,780
August Expenses:	\$11,799
Net Income:	\$9,981

- The monthly cash flow and financial status of the church is very good and we are in the black for the month as well as for the year! We are doing well and are very grateful for the generosity of the community.
- The church has three types of accounts,
  - Restricted funds – money which is earmarked for a special purpose.
  - General Operating Account – our working account.
  - Savings – mostly in a CD but there is a small saving account with the required minimum balance of \$5,000 so we do not incur extra fees for our General Operating Account.

- The plan is to open up separate accounts for two of the three restricted accounts (the Discretionary Fund already is a separate account). In the future, Pauline's Purse and the Capital Improvement Fund, will be separate funds. Right now, they are co-mingled in the General Operating Account giving an inaccurate picture of funds available to run the church.
- The Capital Improvement Fund is currently low but is growing at a steady rate. It was depleted last year as a result of the roof replacement.
- We are currently concentrating on boosting the General Operating Account during the uncertainty of the pandemic.
- The Finance Council Report was approved.

### **CLERGY REPORT:**

#### **Fr Mario and Dc Gary:**

- Bishop Susan Haynes has approved our site plan for re-gathering. The first public liturgy is scheduled for October 4<sup>th</sup> (Episcopal Holy Eucharist). The first public Catholic Mass is expected the following Sunday (October 11<sup>th</sup>). A site plan will be submitted to the Richmond Diocese next week.
- Fr. Boat will take a vacation (to Ghana), leaving Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. He will return 4 weeks later. Then, per diocesan rules, he will quarantine for 2 weeks. We expect him back for Mass on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, Feast of the Immaculate Conception (a holy day for Catholics). Fr. Ven Ilano will substitute for him while he is away.
- The property sale is going forward for the Samaritan House to build a residence for underaged female victims of human trafficking. Any money from the sale will be split between the two dioceses (who own the property, 50/50).
- With the return of public liturgies, there will be a number of changes from the way we previous worshipped:
  - Holy Communion will be offered by consecrated hosts only (no wine). The priest (or deacon) will place the host in the recipient's hand (no touch).
  - Attendees will enter through the main entrance, but will exit through the sanctuary doors.
  - No programs will be provided, attendees will be encouraged to print them out at home and bring them to the church, if they desire.
  - No singing, other than by the cantor.
  - Reservations will be required in the beginning.
  - Livestreaming will continue for people preferring not to be in crowded areas or have underlying medical conditions.
  - Alternate weekly schedule (between the Episcopal Holy Eucharist and Catholic Mass) will continue, at least in the beginning.
- This will be a very different experience. More information will be provided before the first service.
- Adult Christian Formation is going to be about Christianity in a Pandemic. Father Mario will rely on two books – the first by Pope Francis and the second by retired Anglican Bishop N. T. Wright. The office will assist with the ordering of books.
- Father Mario's podcasts will continue.

### **NEW ITEMS:**

- **Fall Fling is Saturday September 26<sup>th</sup> hoping for good weather.**
- **Discussion of VC Retreat for October (date, time, virtual or in-person)**
- The Vestry Council retreat will be held on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 9am until noon, in the sanctuary. It will be a hybrid event (in-person with socially distancing) and Zoom'ed. There will be a short VC meeting at the end. In an effort to cut down on time, it was suggested the current VC goals can be reviewed and modified rather than coming up with new goals.

### **PENDING ITEMS:**

- **Proposed amendment to the Vestry Council Constitution to have the option to reduce membership on the Vestry Council by two was approved by the congregation.**
- **Vestry Council members to review Status of Goals for this past year. Discussion at the retreat.**

### **INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS:**

- **Next Vestry Council meeting will be on Saturday, October 17,2020 at 11:30am (following the retreat).**

### **ANNUAL RETREAT GOALS FOR 2019/20**

- **Goal 1:** Expand the ecumenical mission of Holy Apostles by building relationships with the Bishops of the Diocese of Richmond and the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia, and by continuing to support the 2019 LARCUM, the 2020 43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary and our desire for a single service.
  - **Responsible parties** – Liturgy, Christian Unity, Clergy and Vestry Council
- **Goal 2:** Continue to reach out to people and their families within the community by:
  1. Fellowship committee events
  2. Greeters
  3. Follow-up with personal connections
  4. Welcoming and registering newcomers
  5. Dinners
  - **Responsible parties** – Newcomers, Social Ministry, Fellowship and Administration Committees
- **Goal 3:** Explore an ecumenical plan to call and retain a minister to work with youth and young adults at Holy Apostles. (ODU: Newman Center and Canterbury House)
  - **Responsible parties** – Clergy and Vestry Council
- **Goal 4:** Reach out to people and their families by establishing Holy Apostles as a location and resource for ecumenical teams.
  - **Responsible parties** – Clergy and Vestry Council.

**Committee Liaison Reports:**

Social

Fellowship

**Final Prayer and Adjournment at 7:34pm**

- **Next scheduled meeting will be Saturday October 17, 2020 at 11:30am following the retreat.**

Julia Hatcher

Secretary

17<sup>th</sup> November, 2020