

# Approved Vestry Council Minutes Via Zoom August 25th, 2020

## Present:

Mike Cherwa (RC 22)	Jane Tucker (E 20)
Jackie Lucas (RC 22)	James Byrd (RC 20)
Gail Orland (RC 20)	Kay Ashby (RC 21)
Bonnie Startt (E 20)	Carolyn Ferguson (E 21)
Fr. Mario Melendez	Dc. Gary Harmeyer
Mike Meehan (Finance)	Julia Hatcher (Secretary)

## Absent:

Bonnie Hamilton (E 21)	Andrea Whyte (E 22)
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## Call to Order:

Mike Cherwa called the meeting to order at 6.02pm with a prayer.

## Time provided for Personal Reflection

## Spiritual Formation: Dc. Gary, Matthew 16:21-28

## Approve Meeting Minutes from July 2020:

Minutes were approved with no changes.

## Finance Council Report: Treasurer - Mike Meehan

### Financial Update: August 25, 2020

YTD Expenses:	\$ 121,394
YTD Income:	\$ 122,765
YTD Excess/(Deficit):	(\$ 1,371)
July Income	\$ 17,032
July Expenses	\$ 15,402
Income	\$ 1,630

- The financial situation is relatively stable at present, even taking into account the additional expenses incurred in July, we are still in the black for the month (thank you for your continued generosity!).
- We plan to open new accounts for the Capital Improvement Fund and the Pauline Porter Fund. These are both restricted funds, meaning they cannot be spent for anything other than their intended purpose. Right now the funds reside in the General Operating Account and are tracked on a spreadsheet, by opening separate accounts for them, it will give a more accurate view of what's in the General Operating Account as well as balances for the other two accounts.
- The non-discretionary funds are lower than 18 months ago but this was expected.
- The treasurer will provide next year's proposed budget for the Annual Meeting. It is anticipated it will have to be revised once services are reopened to the public.

## **CLERGY REPORT:**

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

- As the COVID numbers are at present trending down, we are hopeful that we can re-gather, perhaps September 20<sup>th</sup> (the date was later revised to October 4<sup>th</sup>). Once we open we will continue to livestream the Sunday service and broadcast Sunday evening's podcast. Once public services are available, initially we will require reservations so we don't have to turn anyone away
- Annual Meeting information will go out mainly via email (except for those who Dianne normally mails correspondence to). Fr. Mario has suggested a tutorial on Zoom prior to the meeting. Dianne will collect ballots and outgoing Vestry Council members will count them on the 13th.
- The Jewish Community has decided not to meet in person for their High Holy Days but will instead Zoom the services.

## **NEW ITEMS:**

- Fall Fling dates are the afternoon of Saturday September 26<sup>th</sup> with the rain date Sunday September 27<sup>th</sup>. The theme suggested is "Thanksgiving". It will be socially responsible with masks, social distancing and no food or drinks provided. Attendees will be asked to bring their own chairs. The entertainment will be Mike and Greg doing 20 minute sets and it's hoped Fr Mario will be the final act.
- **Pilgrimage Petition (Kay Ashby)**
- There is a petition asking the community to sign in support of the Catholic-backed Black Lives and Racial Equity movement. The petition is planned to be presented on November 14<sup>th</sup> in Richmond. It will be available for signature at the Fall Fling.
- **Nomination Committee Report**
- The Nomination Committee has accepted six applications for the five open seats on the Vestry Council. Since there are three candidates for the two open seats for the Catholics, each candidate has been requested to provide a photo and short biography so members will better know who is running. The ballot and bios will be sent out with the Annual Meeting packet.
- **Building repairs**
- It was noted that general repairs are being made to the building but there may be a future problem with a sink hole in the parking lot.
- **Hats and T-Shirts**
- Hats are being printed with HA name and will be sold at the Fall Fling.
- **Bob Martin has resigned**
- Bob Martin has officially resigned as our bookkeeper due to health concerns.

## **PENDING ITEMS:**

- **Proposal to reduce members for Vestry Council by two**

- The change to the Constitution is one of the ballot items for the Annual Meeting.
- **Vestry Council members to review “Status of Goals” for the past year.**  
Discussion next month, please send comments in advance to Dianne.
- **Church Livestreaming and Podcast**  
Proceeding.
- **Samaritan House property sale**
- The Samaritan House property sale is being worked at the diocesan level.
- **Purchase and install of outside surveillance cameras**  
Placed on hold.

### **INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS:**

- **Next Vestry Council meeting Tuesday September 29, 200 6pm**  
Information to follow after the Annual Meeting. But changed after these minutes done to 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2020
- **VC Goals for 2020/21**  
Committee heads are asked to include in their monthly reports how goals have been worked on through the past year.

### **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:**

Fellowship  
Social

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

**Next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, September 22nd at 6:00pm.**

Julia Hatcher  
Secretary  
15<sup>th</sup> September, 2020