

# Approved Vestry Council Minutes

## In Person and Via Zoom

### April 11, 2024

#### Present:

Bonnie Startt (E 24 Warden)  
Anna Crosby (RC 24)  
Barbara Kimpan (E 26)

Dc. Gary Harmeyer  
Holly Frye (E 26)

**Zoom:** Richard Giffin (RC 25)  
Grace Leighton (Secretary)  
Ellen Murphy (RC 26)

Mike Meehan  
David Dickerson (E 24 )

**Absent:** Jane Tucker (E 26)

Steve Stanley (RC 25 Pres) Excused (hospital)

#### Call to Order:

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

**Spiritual Formation:** “Making Amends” by Deacon Gary

**Meeting Minutes from 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024** will be available at the next meeting.

#### Finance Council Report: Mike Meehan

- Mike provided an overview of income and expenditures for the month of March as well as a recap of the projects for 2023 and 2024. He noted the grant funds received from the Episcopal and Catholic Dioceses which are restricted went to their specific use. He also reminded members of the approximate \$10,000 refund from the Catholic Diocese from the Covid Employee Retention Fund that was in place in 2020. Because this money was an unexpected windfall and not budgeted for, the Finance Council recommended and the Vestry Council approved this money be used for smaller projects needed around the building, but not budgeted for. As a result, about half of the money has been spent on the automatic doors and the IT project (including the updated camera in the sanctuary and installation of the camera and TV in the Fellowship Hall). A discussion was held on spending some of the remaining money on updated office furniture.

#### CLERGY REPORT

- Bonnie Startt updated members on the difficulties of finding Episcopal supply priests. She is in constant contact with the Episcopal Diocese to try and secure a permanent replacement priest.
- Deacon Gary informed the council of Monsignor Peprah’s vacation schedule, beginning August 26<sup>th</sup> and extending through September 26<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Ven Ilano will be filling in while he is away.

#### COMMITTEE REPORT

##### Fellowship

- Celebrations of birthdays & anniversaries continues the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.
- We continue to look for hosts for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month. In April, we will celebrate fellowship at Mangi Qui on the 28<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. People are encouraged to sign up on the easel in the hallway.

##### Administration

- Ceiling tiles have been purchased to replace the stained ones
- Three shrubs need to be trimmed because they are leaning against the building.
- Some of the lights on our cross tower are out and need to be replaced.
- Fire ants have been discovered on the premises and need to be eradicated.

### **Social Ministry**

- The Utility Assistance Program continues. Kudos to Nick Nichter for his dedication to this program even while recovering from his recent surgery!
- The City of Virginia Beach has referred some people who needs food assistance to CHA.
- PiN Ministries continues to collect clothing and shoes for Samaritan House.
- The Plarn Group meets every Thursday, and are always inviting others to join them.
- Tidewater Sowers of Justice League will be setting up a display at CHA on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. VC members were encouraged to come by and view the display from The Environmental Working Group.
- Safe Church meeting is April 21<sup>st</sup>. Anyone who needs recertification or new training needs to let the office know.

### **Christian Formation**

- Bible Study had a farewell luncheon for Fr. Mario.
- Children's formation will return to the first and third Sundays of the month.
- Embracing Interfaith Cooperation was well attended during Lent and Adult CF will continue the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the coming months, April 21<sup>st</sup>, and May 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Plans are in the works for Fire & Ice summer series.

### **Liturgy**

- Search for an Episcopal Co-Pastor is primary.
- The Episcopal Sunday Service has been either Holy Eucharist or Morning Prayer.
- Passover service is Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm. All are welcome.
- Please consider volunteering as an acolyte for services or as an Altar Guild member.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Office furniture is needed, we currently have a mix of items that have been donated sometime in the past and is in need of replacement.
- One Sunday a month there will be a 2–3-minute overview of each committee at CHA. These information segments will hopefully encourage members to join a ministry and better support Holy Apostles.
- Goal #2 for the year was briefly discussed and the discussion will continue next meeting.

### **Acknowledgements/Reminders**

- Liaisons- please ask your committee co-chairs for reports by first Sunday of the month if any concerns need to be addressed. Agenda and committee reports get emailed out second Sunday
- **Next scheduled VC meetings:          Thursday May 9, 2024, at 6.30pm.  
   Thursday June 13, 2024, at 6.30 pm**

**Adjournment was at 7.42 pm.**

Grace Leighton Secretary

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