

# Approved Vestry Council Minutes Via Zoom July 28th, 2020

## Present:

Mike Cherwa (RC 22)	Jane Tucker (E 20)
Jackie Lucas (RC 22)	Andrea Whyte (E 22)
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)	James Byrd (RC 20)
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## Call to Order:

Jane Tucker called the meeting to order at 5:35pm with a prayer.

## Time provided for Personal Reflection

## Spiritual Formation: Fr. Mario, "Magnificat Song of Mary"

## Approve Meeting Minutes from June 2020:

Minutes were approved with changes to members' term expiration dates.

## Finance Council Report: Treasurer - Mike Meehan

### Financial Update: July 28, 2020

YTD Expenses:	\$ 107,274
YTD Income:	\$ 101,668
YTD Excess/(Deficit):	(\$ 5,606)
June Income	\$ 12,562.
May Expenses	\$ 10,908
Income	\$ 1,654

- Financially, Holy Apostles is relatively close between its income and expenses. Pledges are coming in, but slightly lower than normal and mostly online. Although our income has been lower, because of reduced expenses, financially we are doing okay for this point in the year.

## NEW ITEMS:

- Annual Meeting – via mail and potentially virtual – Fr. Mario /Dn. Gary**

It is planned to be held virtually this year via Zoom and packages will be mailed in advance. . More research is needed to ensure we can virtually host the meeting and the maximum number that can participate. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup> at 11.30am (following

the Sunday service). All committee reports must be submitted to Dianne as soon as possible so she can prepare the report.

- **Nomination of Vestry Council members – Jane Tucker**
  - **Replacements for outgoing members Gail Orland (RC), Jim Byrd (RC), Jane Tucker (E) and Bonnie Startt (E)**
  - **Replacement for Bonnie Hamilton (E) (1 Year remaining)**

Linda Carpenter (RC) has expressed an interest in serving on the Vestry Council. Jim Byrd (RC) will be asked if he is interested in running for a full term. Nicki Felton (EP) and Greta Clanch (EP) were suggested as possible candidates. If volunteers are not forthcoming, then a consideration needs to be given to reducing the size of the Vestry Council from the current 10 lay members (5RC and 5 E) to 8 (4 RC and 4 E).

- **Next Vestry Council Meeting – Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 6:00 pm**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. A Zoom invite will be sent to members.

- **Need for outside surveillance cameras?**

There have been reports of air conditioning units being stolen and that one of our units was tampered with. A consideration to place surveillance cameras was discussed. Dn. Gary will look into the cost of adding outside surveillance cameras to our Simply Safe package.

#### **PENDING ITEMS:**

- **Proposal to Reduce Membership of the Vestry Council by two – proposed Constitution change submitted and approved by the Vestry Council. Any amendment to the Constitution needs to be submitted to the voting membership of the church. Fr. Mario and Dn. Gary with prepare a letter to go to members with the proposed Constitution change - Fr. Mario /Dn. Gary**

The package is being prepared and is planned to be mailed next week.

- **Fall Fling – (September)**

The Fall Fling will be different from previous years because of the pandemic. It is shaping up to be a social event rather than a fundraiser. Because of the need for social distancing, it is proposed for the event to be outside. Music would again be the focus with attendees bringing their own food, drinks and chairs. A proposed date is Saturday September 26<sup>th</sup> (with Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> as the rain date). There will be no White Elephant sale this year and the possibility of using Facebook Live to stream the event was discussed. A quilt raffle fundraiser is planned for later in the Fall, but the winners will be drawn in November.

- **Safe Church Annual Audit is due to Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia by June 30, 2020 – Fr. Mario**

Bonnie Startt was sent the form and will complete it and return it to Fr Mario for submission.

#### **INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS:**

- **Samaritan House project for building a residence on a portion of Holy Apostles' property for underage victims of human trafficking – Sale of real estate rather than lease - Fr. Mario /Dn. Gary**

The Samaritan House project was looking at leasing a portion of the Holy Apostles' property but after discussions with the dioceses, the Samaritan House will now purchase the land. Any proceeds from the sale of the land will be equally divided between the two dioceses.

- **Father Boat – change in compensation – Dn. Gary**

Father Boat is no longer the Priest Chaplain for ODU and is going to serve as supply clergy for other priests in the area. Holy Apostles has agreed to pick up some additional costs in support

of Father Boat's assignment at Holy Apostles. In the past, Holy Apostles was paying for Fr Boat's rectory costs. In the future Holy Apostles will also pick up his auto insurance, gas, auto maintenance and cellphone contract. The expenses should average less than \$1,000 per month.

- **VC Goals for 2020/21 - Need committees to include in monthly reports how goals are being achieved.**

### **CLERGY REPORT:**

#### **Fr Mario and Dn Gary:**

- There is another delay in reopening and Bishop Haynes is still looking at a 14 day decline in COVID-19 numbers before suggesting reopening. In the local area all Catholic Churches have regathered for public liturgies and some Episcopal. Others are delaying reopening or holding outside services.
- The audio-visual team will continue to work to improve the live streaming quality of the Sunday services and Sunday Evening Prayer podcast. The internet service has been upgraded and a new router has been installed in the hopes of improving the quality of those watching.

### **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 7:04pm**

**Next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, August 25 at 6:00pm. Zoom invitations will be sent out before the meeting.**

Julia Hatcher  
Secretary  
August 25, 2020