

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting, March 10, 2022

Opening: The meeting opened at 7:00 pm with a prayer.

Discussion/Decision:

Rector's Report:

A second car has been donated for the Afghan families.

It has been decided after the results of the survey were compiled, that the celebration would be a spaghetti dinner instead of a formal dinner.

I conducted a marriage.

Episcopal 101 is going well.

The men's work day went well with a lot of things being completed.

Capital Campaign:

Kevin Reynolds and Richard Musser gave a short presentation on the current progress of the Capital Campaign. They discussed how the Discovery Phase was going to work. All parishioners have received an email with the Vision, a short survey and the questions that will be asked during the interview. Also, these items have been mailed to each parishioner. Richard asked that the Vestry pray for the church during this time. He urged the Vestry to be the first to complete the survey. He also asked that if the Vestry knew of someone who didn't get these materials to please share the items with them. The findings will be presented to the congregation on April 10.

Warden's Report:

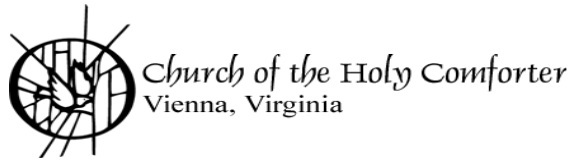
The next meeting will be April 7. The *Vestry Corner* is being worked on. Almost all ministries are having trouble getting volunteers. There was a brief discussion about this, but no solution was reached. The Vestry needs to find a delegate and three alternate delegates for this region of the Diocese. Ashley gave a brief presentation on what is involved to be a delegate.

VPOM Duties:

There was discussion about the VPOM providing support for services held outside. It was also decided that a Vestry person would provide support to Pennywise on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. The Vestry will host coffee hour four times a year. Collection counting is not required at this time. Some of the duties that were listed have been deleted.

Treasurer's Report:

Cash on hand is good. Pledge receipts for the month of February were \$19,203 under budget and loose checks were \$7,510 over budget. Cash receipts were \$114 under budget. Expenses were \$10,828 under budget. Net income for the month was a negative \$4,146. A motion was



made to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of February. It was seconded and approved.

Parochial Report:

This report which is submitted to the Diocese on an annual basis was discussed. A motion was made to approve the report. It was seconded and approved.

Fund Raising Policies and Guidelines:

This subject which was tabled at the last meeting was briefly discussed. A motion was made to approve the document. It was seconded and approved.

Net Zero Policy:

The Paris Climate Accord set a date of 2050 to reach Net Zero for GhG emissions. In 2020, the Vestry voted to adopt Net Zero by 2050. The Church of England then voted to adopt 2045 as a goal for Net Zero. The Diocese of Virginia then adopted 2045 as the goal to reach Net Zero. After a brief discussion, a motion was made: that the Vestry, having previously made a commitment to move toward net zero by 2050, revised that commitment to act to achieve net-zero GhG emissions by 2045, which is consistent with Resolution R-6, adopted by the Diocese of Virginia at the 227th Annual Convention. The motion was seconded and approved.

Hydronic Circulating Pump:

This pump was replaced as approved by the Vestry email vote earlier. A motion was made to ratify the email vote to replace the pump. The motion was seconded and approved.

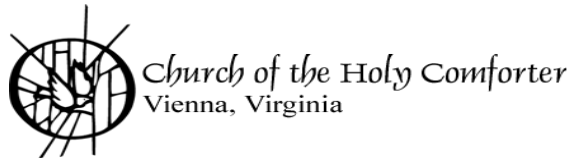
Standing Committees and Program Updates:

Preschool, Youth Ministry, IONA Fund: Wearing of masks in the Preschool has been controversial. For the time being, masks are still required. Registration has gone well. The Auction will be April 22. It will be a hybrid affair and the theme is 'The Eighties'. There will be 22 youth and 4 adults on the mission trip to Puerto Rico June 13-19. So far they have raised over \$4,000 of the \$10,000 needed. There will be a Benefit concert in the Ministry Center April 30 for the Afghan families. Beach weekend is returning in June. Youth readers for services is going well.

Stewardship: Pledges have reached 87.8% of our goal. There are still 43 former households who previously pledged who have not done so yet this year. They will be contacted via email and phone as necessary. Stewardship efforts will be coordinated with the Capital Campaign.

Finance: The committee plans to review the Capital Replacement funding level to determine if there is enough money in Capital Replacement to support anticipated needs. In the coming months the committee will be evaluating the refinancing options of the Building loan. The final payment on the current loan is due May 2023.

Adult Formation: Bible study is now a book study.



Pennywise/Ministry Center/ECW: Pennywise income for February was over \$8,000. Some ECW women made book marks which were passed out to over 100 preschool students with an invitation to attend a book reading at Pennywise on March 5. Natalie Coloumbe dressed up as The Cat in the Hat. The event was a success and the kids were thrilled. Only 25 Comfort Boxes were requested this year. The Alcía Dempsey program was a big success. It was a wonderful way to get to know other parishioners. Women’s retreat registration has started. The Spring Tea is June 4 in the Ministry Center. The ECW is offering \$100 for each student going on the mission trip if they serve at the tea.

Newcomers, Growth, Diversity, and Inclusion: Contacting newcomers to determine their interests and help them if needed.

Communications: Working on improving the YOU TUBE connection.

Building and Grounds: The men’s outdoor cleanup event went well. There was discussion of holding such an event more frequently. There are now two companies interested in the solarization project for the church. There will be a photo of the default settings of the sound board in the Ministry Center. Occasionally there is pixilation online. There was discussion of the need for higher bandwidth. There was discussion about composting as to whether it should be just for the church or open to all parishioners. Also the question was raised about adding to the carbon footprint with the expenditure of gas to haul away the compost. No decision was made. A deep cleaning of the kitchen stove is needed. Planting of trees at the end of the parking lot was discussed. Since there is no water available there and new trees need a lot water, this poses a problem. Further research is needed. The question of more signs directing people to Holy Comforter was raised. It appears that other places of worship in Vienna have more than one sign indicating where their church is located. Holy Comforter only has an ‘Episcopal Church’ sign at the corner of Maple and Beulah. All signs are owned by the town of Vienna. Contact with the town will be made to determine if more signs can be made available.

VPOM: There were two cards sent for individuals who passed away.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the February meeting. It was seconded and approved.

The meeting ended at 9:10 pm with the Lord’s prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Fitzsimmons
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