

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting, October 13, 2022

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

Discussion/Decision:

Rector's Report:

Shrine Mont was great. Next year the Vestry needs to urge more people to attend. This year's attendance was very low.

There were three weddings, three funerals and two baptisms.

The Meg Mall tree was planted.

One Afghan family is now financially independent.

The Newcomers luncheon was a great success – thanks to Harriet.

Worship Schedule: A worship for 11:15 on Sundays is being considered. There have been individuals who have indicated that they would be interested in this. After discussion it was decided to hold the service in the chapel for two months to see what the attendance is and then decide whether or not to continue. The service would include hymns with music, sermon, readings, prayers, and eucharist. The 9:30 service would remain the same.

Strategic Plan: There is a need to develop a strategic plan for the church. It is anticipated to take a year to develop. There is a need to plan for the future development of the church.

Mutual Ministry Review: I would like to see a system developed whereby feed back from the ministries would come to the office and the office could provide feed back to the ministries.

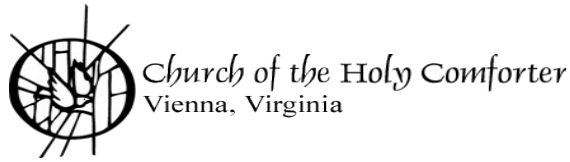
Solar Panels: The contractor that we were working with and one of his sub-contractors are no longer interested in our project because it is so small. We are looking for other contractors.

Warden's Report:

We are still contacting people about running for the Vestry. There are a couple of individuals who have indicated an interest. The Endowment Board wants to send out its annual letter reminding people about giving to the Endowment but was concerned about timing with the annual Stewardship campaign. It was decided that they could go ahead and send out their letter. We are still working with the city of Vienna and Fairfax County on exactly what will be required for ADA enhancements to get the choir room completed.

Capital Campaign:

The Capital Campaign officially ended September 15. There are still 31 households who indicated in the initial survey that they would contribute, but haven't so far. We exceed our goal of the number of individuals who would donate, but fell short of our financial goal. Enough money was pledged to accomplish paying off the loan, solarization of the campus and choir room renovation. However, cash flow is the problem. With money coming in over a three year period, we don't want to wait until all the money has been received to start doing the projects. So some wise carefully management decisions



will have to be made to try and accomplish all three tasks without running short on money when it is needed.

Audit:

The audit for 2021 was completed. There were no material issues found. There is a need to update the asset valuation of the church to insure that there is adequate insurance coverage. The entire audit committee was thanked for an outstanding job. A motion was made to accept the results of the audit. It was seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Cash on hand is good. Pledge receipts for the month of September were under budget and loose checks were over budget. Cash receipts were under budget. Expenses were under budget. Net income for the month was a negative. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of September. It was seconded and approved.

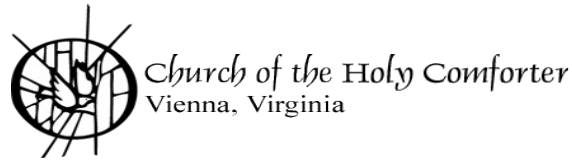
Standing Committees and Program Updates:

Fellowship: Coffee hour hosts are still a problem

Stewardship: The Stewardship Campaign will begin October 23 and end November 20. Campaign mailing will be the week of Oct 24. The goal is to have 300 household make a pledge which is up by 16.7% from last year. The theme for the campaign is "More than Enough".

Communications: No one is managing social media. Use of social media is a great marketing tool that will make more people aware of our church and what we do. Research will be done on how to resolve the situation.

Building and Grounds: The boiler has another part that needs to be replaced. Parking lot signs need to be replaced and set back so that they are not knocked over. Tree branches around the playground need to be trimmed back. A backflow preventor needs to be replaced but a gas line needs to be turned off before that can be accomplished. The composting project should start the week of October 17. The men's tree planting day went well. Margaret Bain is now looking for sponsors for each tree. To sponsor a tree, a donation is required. James McGlone, Virginia Department of Forestry visited the campus and provided a report on on the back forested area of the campus. The back part of the lot is a resource protection area and requires a permit from the county for the removal of any vegetation. Building a connecting trail to the Fairfax County Park Authority Trail would require a bridge ADA compliant, would be very expensive, and probably wouldn't be approved by Fairfax County. Most items for energy conservation are expensive, however, there are things that everyone can do to conserve energy – such as keeping doors closed and making sure lights are turned off when no one is present. The cooling unit needs to be replaced. Repair parts are either hard to find or nonexistent. The Ministry Center Fence will be installed in November. The church is still waiting for comments from the



county on the choir room renovation. A security committee has been formed.

Outreach: The CROP WALK raised \$15,000 even though it rained. The committee is looking for a new chairperson. FACETS is feeding more people than in the past.

Newcomers: The Newcomers brunch held after church was very successful. There were 28 newcomers present. Future luncheons may feature different ministries in the church.

Preschool/Youth/IONA Fund: The school is doing well. A tree branch fell on the playground. The preschool recommends an arborist examine all the trees around the playground. March 17, 2023 is the Preschool Auction. The youth are delivering eggs, hats and gloves with the FACETS team. The reader group is expanding. Chaperons are needed for youth events. Planning has started for next year's mission trip to Puerto Rico.

Pennywise: September's income was 7 ½% higher than last year. A \$500 contribution was made to the Vienna Arts for a sponsorship bench. Closing and opening procedures are being adjusted. Theft has become a problem so Pennywise is looking for individuals to come in for a short period of time on Tuesday and Saturday to just walk around the store. Tagging bags may start again.

Adult Formation: Fall offerings: Men and women Tuesday bible study will continue, Sunday bible study is on hold, Sunday Adult Forum is "Whose Side is God On" during the month of October. Advent: May have a program on Sabbath time by a Jewish speaker or a book study on the subject.

VPOM: Four sympathy cards were sent.

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

The meeting ended at 9:00 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

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