

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting, April 13, 2023

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

Clergy Report:

The Church had a great Holy week. All services were well attended.

VPOM: No cards were sent.

North Fairfax Region Delegates:

Joni Langevoort, Gini Barazia, and Peter Brownigg were presented to the Vestry as Delegates to the North Fairfax Region for 2023. Candace Dibblee, Jeanne Firey, and Bryon Knight were presented as Alternate Delegates for 2023. A motion was made to approve the slate. The motion was seconded and passed.

Parochial Report – March 2023:

Attendance continues to go up. The average attendance is better than pre pandemic.

Treasurer's Report:

Cash on hand is good. Pledge receipts for the month of March 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 March. It was seconded and approved.

Capital Campaign:

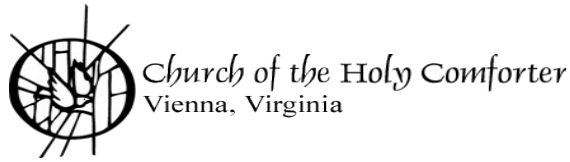
Total pledges and the number of families contributing to the campaign exceed our goal. Wooden crosses made from the pews of the original church were made available to contributors on April 1.

Financial Overview of Holy Comforter:

Mark Schmitt and David Grove led a conversation on the financial status of the church.

Establishing financial priorities is important so that we have a road map as to what we want to accomplish. In addition to debt retirement, some priorities are: (not listed in order of importance)

- Ongoing operations
- Funding Children's Ministries and Youth Ministries Position
- Setting aside monies to secure our facility
- Music Room



- Solarization
- Other obligations

There was a quick review of the Capital Campaign. Debt Retirement; soarize the campus; relocate the music room; stewardship of the campus. As of now, the Capital Campaign dollar goal has been slightly exceeded. However, the cost of the music room has almost doubled due to unforeseen code requirements. The cost for design of the music room has also gone up due to the code requirements.

Standing Committees and Program Updates:

Building and Grounds: A plan needs to be developed to remove excess material from the undercroft. Bids are being solicited for the exterior painting. Work is underway to replace the water heater near the Preschool. Repair/replacement of the clogged Piscina is almost complete. A Welcome Garden plaque has been ordered. The CHC sign at the corner of Beulah and Maple has been straightened. Tom is waiting for good weather to paint the parking lot arrows.

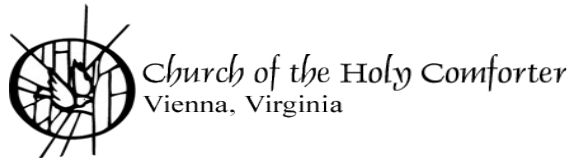
ECW/Pennywise: The 2024 slate of officers has been presented. There are 50 participants for the Women’s retreat. The Spring Tea is on May 7th at Westwood Country Club. Consideration is being given to providing money to the Creation Care Committee to assist in providing native trees, shrubs and ground cover for the campus.

Revenue for Pennywise was 34% higher than March of last year. The slate of officers for Pennywise has been presented. Pennywise purchased a bench designed by Deb Kennedy and Natalie Coulombe and will be installed across the street from Pennywise.

Fellowship: The committee is in the process of determining the cost effectiveness of using recyclable dishes and utensils for outdoor events. We are trying to locate grills and volunteers for the May 13 picnic. A reception for the graduating seniors is being planned for May 21

Adult Faith Formation: Being With has completed six of ten sessions. There are 22 participants and 5 facilitators. The Lenten book study had 10 – 18 people who gathered for soup and bread before the meeting. Sunday Bible Study will probably stop for the summer. Earth Day plans are proceeding. Dan Harris will lead a discussion after the 9:30 service, April 23 focused on the book “Of Boys and Men”. Efforts are being made to revive the Spirituality and Wellness Center. There may be a book study led by Margaret Bain in July. The Rector may lead a book study in August.

Newcomers Committee: The next Newcomers brunch will be held in the Fall. A comparison of a Newcomer’s bag from another church with CHC Newcomer’s bag resulted in no changes. It was deemed that the CHC bag was satisfactory. Outreach to parishioners in our database continues.



HCEP/Youth Ministries/IONA Fund: There is a need to develop an action plan to address safety concerns for the Preschool. The Preschool wants to initiate a monthly chapel service.

The Love Boat Prom raised \$1900 for the youth mission trip. A car wash is scheduled for May 14 and the youth will be going to Adventure Park on May 20. The confirmation class has 11 students and has completed 13 classes and three field trips. There is still a need for two Sunday School teachers.

Children's attendance at the Second Saturday Service was good. The first and second grade classes completed their seven-week Eucharist class. There were many children who attended the Sedar meal.

The IONA fund is doing well.

Outreach Committee: The Samaritan Ministry Breakfast was successful. Marco Caceres, the liaison with Concepcion in Honduras has asked if CHC is going to support them again. This is under consideration. It has been decided that the Refugee Ministry should be under the umbrella of the Outreach Committee. Bishop Patrick Augustine, former CHC assist clergy, will meet with the committee on Apr 26 to discuss his project in the Sudan.

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

The meeting ended at 9:20 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

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