

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting, June 8, 2023

Opening: The meeting opened at 7:05 pm with a prayer.

Clergy Report:

Grateful for the many recent celebrations

Security discussions are ongoing

During the staff meeting the discussion was about how well things are going this year.

Service of wisdom was wonderful.

There has been ongoing discussion about how to spread the word about what we are doing.

The services next program year will be 9:30 am and 11:15 am.

Warden's Report:

The VPOM will be responsible for recruiting coffee hour volunteers for the time he/she is VPOM.

The Town Hall Meeting agenda was passed out. The meeting will highlight four ministries.

A security task force has been formed and has held two meetings. The goal is to get several security issues resolved prior to the beginning of the school year. Part of this is to have

Dusseau Solutions conduct a security assessment and provide training to the teachers and some of the Holy Comforter staff. A motion was made to hire Dusseau Solutions to conduct an

assessment and provide training. The motion was seconded and passed. The Fellowship

Committee has recommended that the alcohol policy be changed to make the Ministry Center more marketable. Policies from two other churches have been acquired and a revision to the

Holy Comforter policy is in the process.

There will be no meeting in July.

Security task force meetings will be ongoing.

Capital Campaign update:

The loan balance remains unchanged. The solarization project is on hold until the IRS provides guidelines for implementation of the Debt Reduction Act. No new information on the music room.

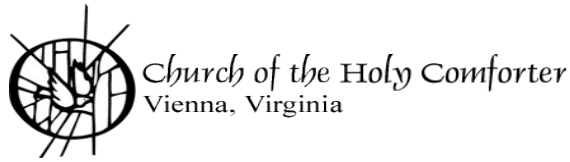
Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's report for the month of May is at Attachment B. Cash on hand is good. Pledge receipts for the month of May were under budget and loose checks were over budget. Cash

receipts were over 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 May. It was seconded and approved.

The staff is working with Paychex to finalize the form for submission to obtain funding through the ERC.



Parochial Report:

The Parochial Report for the month of May was passed out. In-person attendance is still increasing.

Standing Committees and Program Updates:

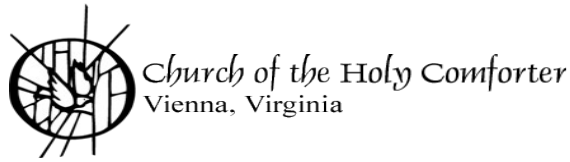
Stewardship Committee: The results of the survey were passed out. The campaign will be held during the months of Oct and November. A followup period will occur in January. There was discussion on how the campaign will be conducted and the different ways that could be used to encourage people to pledge.

Building and Grounds Committee: The keypad panels to doors 10 and 11 have been repaired. A request has been made to three companies to submit a proposal for planting trees to screen the playground from Beulah Road. Downspout adjustments were conducted as part of the Diocesan Net Zero Self-Guided Checklist. Utility bills have been higher than usual. Equipment problems accounted for the higher gas bills. However, there is insufficient evidence about what has caused the electric bill to be higher. Two bids have been received for the painting project. A third company has failed to respond. It is recommended that Finished Project LLC be awarded the painting contract. A motion was made to have Finished Project LLC do the painting. The motion was seconded and passed.

Fellowship Committee: A larger composting bin is needed to enable the congregation to be engaged in composting. Inexpensive games need to be purchased for use during outdoor events. There were 25 attendees for the Second Saturday Family service and 175 for the parish picnic.

HCEP/Youth Ministries/IONA Fund: There is a need to develop an action plan for HCEP safety. Safety for HCEP is of great concern and every effort is being made to ensure a safe environment for the next school year. HCEP monthly chapel has been initiated. Still looking for a way to communicate efficiently and safely with youth about events. A security task force has been established and have set priorities for HCEP safety to be accomplished prior to the start of school. HCEP enrollment is currently down. There will be only one kindergarten class next year. There were 15 youth with three friends who had a wonderful time at the Adventure Park. The beach trip is June 9-11. Final preparations for the Mission Trip are almost complete. There is still a shortage of funds. River tubing event planned for August 19-20. A parent coffee hour for children's ministry is being started and a Mother's Group is being formed. The Faith in Action Market day to benefit Five Talents was successful.

Communications Committee: The postcard about the church was finalized, printed and provided to Pennywise. Vestry Corner on youth activities was published this week.



Outreach Committee: The Easter offerings are going up but are still below pre-pandemic levels. The committee is searching for ideas on how to continue support for Concepcion y Iglesia del Espiritu Santo in Honduras. A Refugee Ministry has been formed and will fall under the umbrella of the Outreach Committee. The Crop Hunger Walk is Oct 1. Bishop Patrick Augustine has been told to submit a grant request as a means of the church providing continuing support to his South Sudan project. The committee needs a new member for the group supporting the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem.

Finance Committee: The budget is going to be reviewed and adjusted based on the performance of the first half of this year.

Adult Faith Formation: *Spirituality and Wellness* will focus on *Living Compass* curriculum this year. *Sacred Ground* may be offered later if there is interest. *Episcopal 101* is being reviewed and may be offered in the fall. Discernment training will be offered in August or October. Earth Day celebration was a success. The plan for next year is to have the celebration over a two day period. Dan Harris led a forum on “Boys and Men” which was also discussed at the Men’s retreat. There will be one book and one movie reviewed this fall. The “Being With” series ended with participants expressing interest in continuing to meet. There are plans to have a program after every service this summer. Ann Gillespie+ will lead three yoga sessions in July on a Saturday from 9 am to 10:15 am. There will be a presentation on the Holy Land Pilgrimage June 25.

Endowment Report: The annual mailing on the Endowment is planned for June. The value of the fund has risen over the past year. The board will give a presentation during the July 16 “Are your Affairs in Order”.

VPOM: One bereavement card was sent.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the May meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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