

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting, March 14, 2024

Opening: Jon+ opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:02 pm. The vestry acknowledged the faithfulness of the outgoing register Richard Fitzsimmons, who served for 12 years. The vestry members introduced themselves to the new register, Barbara Bowling. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the February meeting.

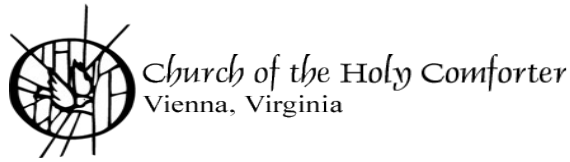
Reflection: Kerry Gilpin led the reflection and discussion on St. Brigid and divine thresholds and transitions using an excerpt from "Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul" by John Phillip Newell. Laurie Pedry volunteered to do the reflection for April.

Clergy Report - Ann+ /Jon+ : It has been a busy Lent season. The Harriet Tubman pilgrimage was extraordinary. A lesson learned is to have a bus with a restroom. A women's retreat to Iona (island on the western coast of Scotland) is being planned for March 2025. Three funerals are planned over the next 2 months. One funeral service is an inurnment in the columbarium. The 007 fundraiser for the youth mission trip was very successful. The highlight of the annual parish meeting was the burning of the capital debt. Jon has been busy welcoming the new refugee families and providing logistical and technical support to the families. Tomorrow (March 15th) is Jon's sixth year anniversary with CHC.

Wardens' Report - David / Kathy

- Annual Meeting - follow up / next steps
Feedback has been very positive about the readability of the annual report and the meeting itself.
- Volunteer Accelerator Update/next steps
Received some good 'job descriptions' of standard church volunteer positions from another church in Asheville. The goal is to match congregants' skills with the needs of the church.
- Strategic Planning Update
This effort is on hold until next year due to the estimated additional cost with Ministry Architects.
- March Vestry Corner
Laurie volunteered to work on this publication.
- Holy Week
A signup sheet was passed around for vestry members to help out with the services during Holy Week.

Episcopal Parish Network (EPN) Conference - Jon+/Kathy/David



This conference covered a wide-ranging topics from endowment, the epidemic of loneliness, Artificial Intelligence and the use of church space.

Solarization Project Update - Jon+ / Brian

There was some discussion on the various options on how to phase the solarization project. One option is to put the solar panels first on the roof, then do the carport phase second.

Treasurer's Report March 2024 - Peggy

The Treasurer's report for the month of March. Cash on hand is good. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of February. It was seconded and approved.

2023 Parochial Report - Peggy:

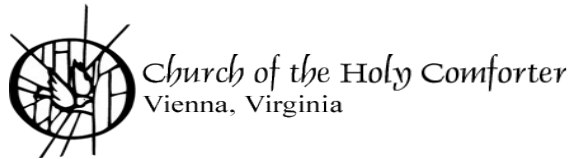
The annual Parochial Report was passed out. A motion was made to approve the annual Parochial report. The motion was seconded and approved.

Administrative Action Needed:

- Nominate and certify Diocesan delegates for the Region -3 delegated / 3 alternatives - due date: April 15
- February Treasurer's Report
 - Approval for use of the remaining building loan payments from Operating Fund
- Vestry approval for expenditure for Beulah Road sign, since the expense is over \$3,000.
- Consent Agenda - Minutes of the February meeting
 - Minutes were approved by the vestry
- February Parochial Report.

Information / Standing Committees / Program Updates:

- **Building & Grounds Committee / Creation Care / Earth Day - Brian / Kerry**
 - Name for the large room in the Ministry Center: need to clear up confusion surrounding the "vestry@..." email issue and come to a decision as soon as practical.
 - Move forward with walkway step replacement with ramp (near Columbarium).
 - Move forward with a second gate for the playground.
 - Move forward with updates to main signs out front along Beulah.
 - Upcoming Events/Dates: Sunday, April 21, 2024 – Earth Day 2024 at Holy Comforter. Planning is on track.
 - There are two possible Egel Scout projects -1. Enhance the path near the forest. 2. Build a fire pit near the pond.



- **Fellowship - Sherryl**

Approximately 45 people attended the 2nd Saturday Taco dinner on 3/9. There were 43 RSVPs and we up that by 30% for people who don't sign up so we had food for 56. The assumption is that the weather kept people from coming and / or staying.

Made soup for the Feb 15th Lenten Book Study

Suggest adding an "RSVP by xx/dd" to the sign up sheet.

Approximately 100 people attended the Annual Parish Meeting Lunch.

Four bids have been received for the May 12 BBQ. All were higher than what we have paid in the past.
- **VPOM - February 2024 - Sherryl (Note: VPOM report is in Fellowship Report)**

Sent sympathy notes to Nancy Burrows' two daughters

Send sympathy note to Christa van der Veer

Covered 3 coffee hours (one was hosted by Pennywise)
- **Stewardship - Steve**

No update was given
- **Finance Committee - Art**

Recommend reallocation of money from liabilities under building loan interest payments to capital replacement.

The annual audit will be from March through May.
- **Newcomers / Growth & Inclusion - Kim**

The newcomers' brunch has been moved to the fall.

The committee wants to refine the system for welcoming and assisting newcomers.

Investigating the possibility of adding a research feature to the website.
- **Communication - Laurie**

First Communications Committee meeting held, meetings to be held bi-weekly

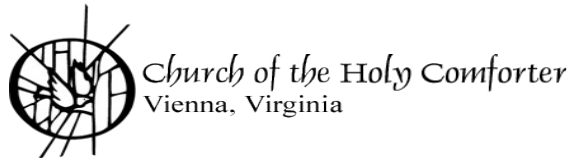
Received approval to obtain a free for non-profits Canva account for CHC
- **Preschool Board / Children's Ministry/ Youth Ministry / IONA Fund – Kathy**
- **Outreach Committee - Byron**

No update was given.
- **Episcopal Church Women (ECW) / Pennywise - Chris**

Revenue continues to rise at Pennywise – up 17% over last year.

High speed internet, fiber optics, is being installed this Monday 3/18/24.

Big ticket/high-end items are posted on Craigslist, Facebook, and Instagram.



PW will have a booth at the CHC Earth Day event Sunday 4/7.
Spring Luncheon is April 7.
Women's Retreat is April 26 – 28.
UTO fundraising will begin in early May.

● **Adult Faith Formation - Linda Lee**

Norma will discuss dates and topics of summer programs with David Kelly (Church Music) and Jon Strand (book study of How to Know a Person by David Brooks or other book). Ann+, Anna and Norma will read Reading Genesis, new book by Marilynne Robinson, to see if it is a viable selection for a Fall Bible Study. Kathy Paulini to provide Norma with recommended books from the Texas conference she attended last week.

The Pilgrimage to Harriet Tubman sites was a huge success.
All programs currently in progress are doing well.

● **Safety and Security Committee - David**

No update was given.

The meeting ended at 9:16 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Bowling
Acting Register