

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting, September 12, 2024

Opening: The meeting opened at 6:55 pm with a prayer.

Kim and Peggy were recognized for their efforts in making Shrine Mont a success this year.

The Reflection this month was about the painting of St. Augustine shown writing in his study. The discussion was about all the paper on the floor. It shows the difficulty in translating divine inspiration into words. Was he struggling to explain the concept of original sin or is he struggling to accept his personal sins?

Clergy Report:

Jon+ had a great vacation.

The wedding for the Valenzuelian couple was great.

The schedule for the new year is complete.

There will be a celebration of the solar project on Oct 27.

Wardens' Report:

Looking for four people to run for the Vestry open positions. Some names were mentioned.

The Parish picnic is September 15. There will be popcorn, corn hole, and a bounce house.

The agenda for the Town Hall meeting was discussed.

The search for a director for HCEP is ongoing. A job description had to be created. Several people have been interviewed, but no decision has been made.

There was discussion about approving money for Margaret Bain's education. A motion was made to approve \$750 from the LEAD fund for her education. The motion was seconded and approved.

The CROP walk is coming up.

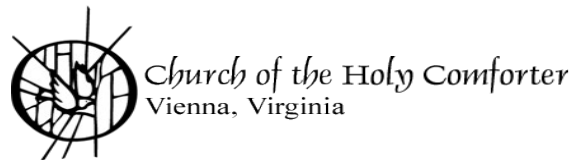
A seminarian joined Holy Comforter on September 7.

There was discussion about the insurance policy for rental of the Community Hall. It was agreed to eliminate the requirement for a local insurance policy and to reduce the minimum rental from four hours to 2 hours. There was discussion on the pricing, but no decision was made.

Capital Campaign Update:

The solar array in the parking lot is up. It needs to be connected to the church electrical system and lights installed under the array. A ribbon cutting ceremony dedicating the installation will be October 27 following the service. It will be called the Victor and Joan Brown Solar array.

The roof panels are currently in the permitting process.



David provided a financial update on the Capital Campaign. There was discussion about financing the 3rd floor renovation. It was decided to wait until there was money in the bank to cover the cost of the renovation rather than starting the renovation with hope that the money would be there when needed.

Meaningful Engagement:

Work is ongoing to refine the information received. A list of all the jobs in the church has been gathered. A survey for parishioners to take is being developed. A logo will be selected next week.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Parochial Report:

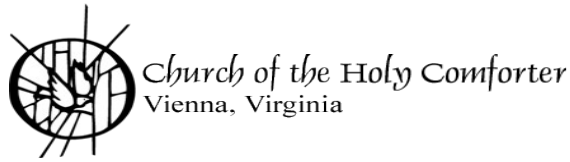
Attendance continues to rise last month was the highest since 2009.

Standing Committees and Program Updates:

Building and Grounds Committee: CHC now has a contract with Thornton Services for boiler maintenance. Indoor signs are being developed to assist in locating different rooms. A solution is being sought that would provide greater security for HCEP. There will be walk through of CHC to prepare a list of projects and maintenance items that need to be completed in 2025. Four trees have been identified for removal. Two are dead, one is dying and the other has outgrown its location. The cost to remove the trees is \$5450. A motion was made to approve the tree removal at a cost of \$5450. The motion was seconded and passed.

Adult Faith Formation: The summer program series was well attended and enjoyed by those who did attend. Fall programs include: Being With in 2024, Bible study on the Letter of James, Listening Hearts Training for Discerners, Gestalt Soul Care Course, Wellness Circles, and Adult Bible Study. Information about these programs will be posted in the church. Future Sunday forum are: Mission Sunday, Celebrating St Francis Day, Introduction to Listening Hearts Ministries, How busy families make time for faith, and healthy through the Holidays.

HCEP/Youth Ministries/IONA Fund: The children's program at Shrine Mont was very successful, Children's Chapel begins September 15. Sunday School begins September 22. The Parent lounge opens September 22. There will be two parent forums during the Fall. Confirmation class begins September 15 with ten youth signed up. HCEP would like a fire door installed in the short hallway between the stairs and the HCEP office.



Newcomers, Growth, and Inclusion Committee: So far 112 photos have been taken to add to the directory. The Newcomers card is has been revised and will be reviewed once more before going to print. The Newcomers Brunch will be held October 13.

Episcopal Church Women/Pennywise: The ECW bylaws are being reviewed and updated. The Spring Women's retreat is April 25-27. The Funeral Reception Ministry volunteer list is being updated. Wesley Harrison is stepping down this year as Ministry leader. Pennywise gross revenue is up 15% over last year. Special needs volunteers are being accepted on a case-by-case basis. Oktoberfest is October 5. Pennywise will be open for Black Friday but closed on Wednesday and Thursday preceding Black Friday.

Stewardship Committee: A logo and graphics are being created. The Stewardship Campaign starts October 6. There will be 12 stewardship videos for inclusion in the Comfortable Word. The dollar goal is the same as last year and hope to gain in the number of families who pledge.

Communications Committee: The Facebook account is set to post to Instagram. The communication plan has been validated with a professional in social media marketing. Refugee Ministry website updates completed. Free non-profit Canva account approved and opened.

VPOM: Three sympathy cards were sent.

The minutes of the August meeting were approved.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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