

THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2017

7:00 P.M. – HALE AUDITORIUM

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

John 14:5-7

Quorum. The May Vestry meeting was called to order on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. The following Vestry members were present, representing a quorum for the conduct of business: Millicent Bain, Matt Buck, Kathy Dickinson, Michelle Harner, Alison King, Chris Kurz, David Pitard, Doug Riley, Steven Sutor, Murray Taylor, and Anna von Lunz. The following clergy members, staff members, and officers were present: David Ware, Ellen Chatard, Mary DeKuyper, Tom Spies, Tony Brandon, and Fern Riley. The following Vestry member was absent: Lucy Neale Duke.

Opening Prayer. David Ware opened the meeting with a prayer.

Reflection. David offered a reflection on John 14:6: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life."

Approval of Minutes. Fern Riley presented the minutes of the April 18, 2017 Vestry Meeting, and the minutes of the April 30, 2017 Annual Parish Meeting. A motion to approve the minutes from both meetings was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Rector's Report [David Ware]. David said a coalition of parishes from St. James' Episcopal Church, Lafayette Square, Memorial Episcopal Church, Bolton Hill, and Redeemer is continuing to explore ways to support the work of the Ark Preschool, a school serving homeless children in Baltimore.

David discussed plans for the Vestry/Staff Retreat at the Claggett Center on June 16-17, 2017, focusing on what the future at Redeemer in the next three to five years will look like and how to get there. The Reverend Dr. Frank Wade will serve as a facilitator; he is the former rector at St. Albans Episcopal Church, Washington, D.C., served as Interim Dean of the Washington Cathedral, and now serves as Interim Associate Dean of Students at Virginia Theological Seminary. We will discuss the ways our church is growing outwardly in the community and internally deepening.

Senior Warden's Report [Mary DeKuyper]. Mary DeKuyper discussed the recent Diocesan Convention and the Good Schools Maryland Resolution, calling for

churches to advocate monthly with state and local officials for equitable school financing to close the achievement gap between schools. Mary also said the delegates attended the Big Tent Meeting with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry at Goucher College, and it was filled with music, humor, and hope for the world.

Vestry Duty Sign-ups [Ellen Chatard]. Ellen Chatard distributed sign up sheets for Vestry reflections, snacks, and Vestry Greeters.

Treasurer's Report [Tony Brandon]. Tony Brandon said the 2017 Budget has a projected total revenue of \$1.8 million. He said we are slightly behind in pledges but the pledge income is currently ahead for the year, and we are operating close to the budget. The actual 2016 Budget ended the year with a \$155,213 surplus, due to pledgers giving more than their pledged amounts and reduced expenditures. We anticipate a \$2,760 surplus for 2017. We have increased our outreach funding from \$34,830 in 2016 to \$68,000 in 2017. The Parochial Report for the Diocese was submitted, and our parish allocation to the Diocese is \$195,478.

The annual church audit was completed by Gross, Mendelsohn & Associates, P.A., and was distributed to the Vestry. Tony said it was a clean audit.

Tony recommended the 2016 surplus be added to the Endowment as has been done in the past. A motion for \$155,213, the 2016 Budget surplus, to be taken from the Operating Account and added to the Endowment was made, seconded, and unanimously approved. A motion to credit this sum against the Capital Campaign deficiency from the past was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

The Parish Day School 2017-2018 Proposed Budget was presented. A motion to accept the Parish Day School 2017-2018 Proposed Budget as presented and reviewed by the Budget and Finance Committee was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

The Contribution/Offtake from the Endowment to the church operating budget will be reduced as follows: 4.9% of the Endowment for 2017, 4.8% for 2018, 4.7% for 2019, 4.6% for 2020, and 4.5% for 2021 and thereafter.

Announcements.

Murray Taylor said the Caring for Creation Committee will hold a meeting to discuss the One Water Partnership grant from the Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake on Sunday, June 4th at 2:00 p.m.

David said Bishop Robert Ihloff will join us on Sunday, May 21st to confirm 7 young people from Redeemer and 1 parishioner from the Church of the Ascension, Westminster. We will also pray for Caroline Stewart as she begins her 3 month sabbatical.

Mary said Joanne Tetrault will be receiving her diploma from Virginia Theological Seminary on Thursday, May 18th. She will be ordained to the priesthood in the fall at the site of her new call.

Upcoming Events

May 21, 10:00 a.m.	Confirmation, Bishop Ihloff
May 24, 7:00 p.m.	Welcoming the Stranger: Snapshot of the Stranger in Baltimore
May 31, 7:00 p.m.	Welcoming the Stranger: The Spiritual Mandate
June 7, 7:00 p.m.	Welcoming the Stranger: On the Front Line
June 16-17	Vestry/Staff Retreat at Claggett Center
June 20, 7:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting

Adjournment. Matt Buck offered a closing prayer meditation on substitutionary sacrifice in our daily lives, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Fern Riley, Registrar