

THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018

7:00 P.M. – HALE AUDITORIUM

*The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again."
Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well."
Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.
Mark 10:51-52*

Quorum. The October Vestry meeting was called to order on Tuesday, October 16, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. The following Vestry members were present, representing a quorum for the conduct of business: Matt Buck, Lucy Neale Duke, Lis Green, Alison King, Doug Riley, Jan Schroeder, Murray Taylor, Anna von Lunz, David Wallack, and Ted Winstead. The following clergy members, staff members, and officers were present: David Ware, Ellen Chatard, Steven Sutor, and Fern Riley. The following Vestry members were absent: Millicent Bain and Beverly Griffith. The following officers were absent: Keri Frisch and Tony Brandon.

Opening Prayer and Reflection. David Ware opened the meeting with a prayer and a reflection.

Approval of Minutes. Fern Riley presented the minutes of the Vestry Meeting held on September 25, 2018. A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Rector's Report [David Ware]. David said he was pleased to announce that Vivian Campagna has agreed to serve as the Interim Youth Director for this year. The search for a new Associate for Youth Ministry began in late June, and David has received applications and initial supporting materials from several candidates. The Search Committee will meet to deepen their discernment of the position and the qualities we are looking for in a candidate whose focus will be working with teenagers and reaching out to young adults in their 20's. They will be conducting Skype interviews and will invite the final candidates to come to Baltimore for more meetings and discussions.

David announced on Sunday, October 7 the first Covenant Fund grant for \$50,000 will be given to Turnaround Tuesday. He discussed the process for investing gifts to the Fund in long-term growth investments according to specified benchmarks for growth recommended by the Investment Committee. Grants will be made from a 5% draw on the total Fund, but larger grant disbursements will be possible in extraordinary circumstances at the discretion of the Vestry. David will evaluate grant requests to determine potential grant recipients, supported by a parish committee, and he will make grant recommendations for Vestry approval. The Fund will seek to help people in need in Baltimore by supporting the mission of

established charitable organizations addressing education, health, housing, safety, and workforce development, and to build partnerships between community organizations and the church.

The Stewardship Committee, led by Carrie Goldrick and Noel and Tom Morelli, will mail a Stewardship Letter to all parishioners next week seeking pledges for 2019. We will need to increase the 2019 Budget to add the new Associate for Youth Ministry to the staff and to address church maintenance issues arising from our greater facilities use with current activities at the church.

David and the Vestry reflected on the Sacred Circle held on Wednesday, October 3 in the midst of the recent Supreme Court nomination process. About 75 people gathered in the church using the model of a Quaker meeting to speak as they were so moved to speak, with opening and closing hymns to consecrate and draw forth new insights and deeper understanding. David said the meeting felt needed, longed for, and creative, and was an opportunity for the church to be relevant in the midst of a toxic political environment. Several noted the degree of trust and compassion they felt as the group followed the Spirit and began to feel some measure of healing.

Announcements. Alison King said there will be a Compline Service on Sunday, October 21 at 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel. She also noted Jason Roberts, Organist from St. Bartholomew's Church, New York, will play for Silent Movie Night on Friday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Ellen Chatard said the Vestry will host Coffee Hour after the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, October 28.

David said the November Vestry meeting will be moved to Tuesday, November 27 to follow Thanksgiving.

Upcoming Events

October 17, 7:00 p.m.

October 19, 7:00 p.m.

October 29, 7:00 p.m.

November 4, 5:00 p.m.

November 10, 7:00 p.m.

VOICES: Aaron Henkin

Silent Movie Night: "A Sailor-Made Man"

with organ accompaniment by Jason Roberts,
Organist, St. Bartholomew's Church, New York

ICJS discussion, Leonard Bernstein Mass

All Saints' Day Evensong

Writers Live, Enoch Pratt Library: Marion Winik
in conversation with Laura Lippman

Adjournment. David led the Vestry in prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Fern Riley, Registrar