

THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY MEETING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2018

7:00 P.M. – HALE AUDITORIUM

*When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb.
And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry,
"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. "*

Luke 1:41-42

Quorum. The December Vestry meeting was called to order on Tuesday, December 18, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. The following Vestry members were present, representing a quorum for the conduct of business: Millicent Bain, Matt Buck, Lucy Neale Duke, Lis Green, Beverly Griffith, Alison King, Doug Riley, Jan Schroeder, Anna von Lunz, David Wallack, and Ted Winstead. The following clergy members, staff members, and officers were present: David Ware, Ellen Chatard, Keri Frisch, Steven Sutor, Tony Brandon, and Fern Riley. The following Vestry member was absent: Murray Taylor.

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

Reflection. Steven Sutor offered an Advent reflection.

Approval of Minutes. Fern Riley presented the minutes of the Vestry Meeting held on November 27, 2018. A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Rector's Report [David Ware]. David said he and the search committee are conducting interviews and site visits with candidates for the Associate for Youth Ministry position.

Treasurer's Report [Tony Brandon]. Tony Brandon began by remembering and recognizing former Treasurer Tim Pierce, who died in November. Tony said Tim knew and understood every dollar and detail of the budget and taught Tony a lot about the church as he transitioned into the Treasurer role. The Vestry offered a statement giving thanks for Tim Pierce, for his life, his dedication to the church, and his hard work on the Vestry and as Treasurer.

Tony presented the 2019 Proposed Budget and noted the Budget and Finance Committee has reviewed and recommended it to the Vestry. Ellen Chatard said we have received 376 pledges for 2019 to date, up from 354 pledges at this time last year. She said 189 of the pledges are new or increased pledges for a net increase of \$139,000. A motion to approve the 2019 Proposed Budget was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Announcements. David said Turnaround Tuesday presented their Director's Award to David and Cristina for the Church of the Redeemer. A job preparation program for returning and unemployed citizens, Turnaround Tuesday has placed 571 people in jobs with its partner organizations in its four year history. The group has recently received the first Covenant Fund grant from Redeemer for \$50,000.

Alison King said the Bridge Ensemble will be performing in the Chapel on December 19 at 7:30 p.m.

David Wallack noted 56 people attended the From Darkness: Light service on Saturday, December 15, and he said it was a wonderful mix of faith traditions and great music.

Anna von Lunz reported twice the expected number of Christmas Boxed Suppers were received on Sunday for distribution to Govans Elementary School and partners at the Northern District Police.

Jan Schroeder noted the Redeemer Choir will be presenting a prelude of "Messe de Minuit pour Noel" by Marc-Antoine Charpentier at 8:30 p.m. on December 24 prior to the 9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

Future Agenda Items. David said Carrie Goldrick and Noel and Tom Morelli, chairs of the Stewardship Committee, will come to the February Vestry meeting to lead a conversation about stewardship.

Steve Sutor said we will discuss plans for the elevator project at the January Vestry meeting.

Upcoming Events

December 24, 11:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m.

8:30 choral prelude, 9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Services

December 25, 10:00 a.m. Christmas Morning Service

January 5, 5:00 p.m. Epiphany Taizé

January 6, 5:00 p.m. Epiphany Evensong

Adjournment. Matt Buck read the essay, "What Christmas Means to Me," by C.S. Lewis, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Fern Riley, Registrar