

## THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

### MINUTES OF THE VESTRY MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020

7:00 P.M. – HALE AUDITORIUM

*Is not this the fast I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide from your own kin?*

*Isaiah 58:6-7*

**Quorum.** The February Vestry Meeting was called to order on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The following Vestry members were present, representing a quorum for the conduct of business: Nancy Bowen, Sean Goldrick, Lis Green, Beverly Griffith, Anita Richardson, Doug Riley, Jan Schroeder, Peter Shafer, 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, and Fern Riley. The following Vestry member was absent: Millicent Bain. The following officer was absent: Tony Brandon.

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

**Reflection.** Doug Riley offered a spiritual reflection.

**Approval of Minutes.** Fern Riley presented the minutes of the Vestry Meeting held on January 21, 2020. A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

**Rector's Report** [David Ware]. David reported Katrina Schisler, our new bookkeeper, was hired two weeks ago, and she is working closely with Ellen Chatard and Barb Hart to finish the financial work from 2019. They will be mailing out year end giving statements this week. David said Katrina is a wonderful colleague and is eager to learn and understand everything in our system.

David said he has begun the search for the Associate for Youth and Young Adults, and he has had several engaging conversations about the position with seminarians in their final year who are drawn to young adult and youth ministry.

David reported we have received additional pledges for 2020, and we are now at 90% of our budgeted level with \$128,000 remaining to reach our goal. We have written to 56 parishioners who pledged last year and have not yet responded for 2020 to see if they might renew their pledges. David said we may begin quarterly reports from the Treasurer and Junior Warden to the congregation detailing the church's current projects and financial position to help parishioners understand the work we are doing and the costs of our ministry, programs, and projects. David said

we get to be as engaged as we can be in our mission by using the resources we have available to fund our work.

**Vestry Housekeeping** [Ellen Chatard]. Ellen said she is forming the Vestry Nominating Committee and is seeking three or four parishioners to serve along with retiring Vestry members Millicent Bain, Doug Riley, Jan Schroeder, and Anna von Lunz. A Vestry 101 information session will be held on Sunday, March 8 at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall to discuss Vestry service with interested parishioners. Vestry nominations are due in the church office by Wednesday, March 25. The Nominating Committee will meet on Sunday, March 29, and the Vestry slate of four candidates will be announced on Thursday, April 9 prior to the Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 26. As outlined in the church by-laws, Vestry members must have a record of giving to the church and be a member of the Church of the Redeemer by baptism or letter of transfer.

Ellen said Tom Faxon is interested in serving as a delegate to the Diocesan Convention on May 15-16, and we are still looking for an additional delegate.

**VOICES Speaker Series** [David Ware]. David said the VOICES Speaker Series will bring together an exciting group of people and partnerships. The Wednesday evening Lenten series will begin on March 4 with author and journalist Ray Suarez to discuss his book, *Latino Americans: The 500 Year Legacy That Shaped a Nation*. Sculptor, teacher, printmaker, and designer Valerie Maynard will be in conversation with Chris Bedford, Director of the Baltimore Museum of Art on March 11. On March 18, author and journalist Jennifer Steinhauer will talk about her book, *The Firsts: The Inside Story of Women Re-Shaping Congress* in partnership with the Enoch Pratt Library. Kathleen Biggins, President of C-Change Conversations, will give a non-partisan, multi-media presentation on the risks and opportunities associated with climate change in partnership with Caring for Creation on March 25. The series will conclude on April 1 with Taro Alexander, founder of the Stuttering Association for the Young, and a screening of the film, *My Beautiful Stutter*.

**Announcements.** The Redeemer Youth Group will present *The Lion King, Jr.* on Friday, February 21 and Saturday, February 22 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, February 23 at 3:00 p.m.

The Jazz Mass will be held on Sunday, February 23 at 10:00 a.m. with the Connections Choir and the Adult Choir and a guest appearance by the Hereford High School Jazz Band. The Vestry will host Coffee Hour.

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake and Casserole Supper will be hosted by the Redeemer Youth Group and Holy Casserole-y on Tuesday, February 25 at 5:30 p.m. and will offer pancakes and sausage and a variety of casseroles.

Dr. William “Brit” Kirwan will speak on Sunday, March 1 following the 10:00 a.m. service about the Kirwan Commission recommendations and the status of Maryland legislature school funding proposals.

Members of the Redeemer Youth Group will be participating in the Episcopal Youth Event conference at University of Maryland, College Park, on July 7-12.

**Sacred Ground.** The group discussed the materials from session six of the Sacred Ground anti-racism training course.

**Upcoming Events**

February 21 & 22, 7:30 p.m.  
and February 23, 3:00 p.m. RYG Play: *The Lion King, Jr.*  
February 23, 10 a.m. Jazz Mass  
February 25, 5:30 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake and Casserole Supper  
March 1, 5:00 p.m. Evensong for Lent  
March 4, 7:00 p.m. VOICES: Author Ray Suarez, *Latino Americans: The 500 Year Legacy That Shaped a Nation*  
March 11, 7:00 p.m. VOICES: Artist Valerie Maynard in conversation with BMA Director Chris Bedford  
March 17, 7:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting/ Sacred Ground 7  
March 18, 7:00 p.m. VOICES: Author Jennifer Steinhauer, *The Firsts: The Inside Story of Women Re-shaping Congress*  
March 25, 7:00 p.m. VOICES: Kathleen Biggins, C-Change Conversations, Climate Change presentation  
March 31, 7:00 p.m. Vestry Sacred Ground 8  
April 1, 7:00 p.m. VOICES: Taro Alexander, screening of *My Beautiful Stutter*

**Adjournment.** Doug Riley gave a closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Fern Riley, Registrar