

THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

**MINUTES OF THE VESTRY MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2020
7:00 P.M. – VIRTUAL MEETING**

*I love the Lord, because he has heard
the voice of my supplication,
because he has inclined his ear to me
whenever I called upon him.
Psalm 116:1*

Quorum. The June Vestry Meeting was called to order virtually on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The following Vestry members were present, representing a quorum for the conduct of business: Millicent Bain, 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, Tony Brandon, and Fern Riley.

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

Reflection. David Wallack offered a spiritual reflection.

Approval of Minutes. Fern Riley presented the minutes of the Vestry Meeting held on May 19, 2020. A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Rector's Report [David Ware]. David said we are continuing to gather virtually for worship and meetings as a church. Many are tuning in to the daily prayer services during the week, and 200-300 people are participating on Sundays. The Sunday Morning Prayer services are now being offered on YouTube; a link to the service is going out to all E-Redeemer recipients to make access easier and more straightforward.

David is pleased to report the Rev. Rebecca Ogus has accepted the call to be our new Associate for Youth and Young Adults. After completing her studies at the Berkeley Divinity School Episcopal seminary at Yale Divinity School, she was ordained on June 13. She will be starting at Redeemer on August 3, and she is very excited to join us. David will be announcing her to the parish in E-Redeemer on June 25.

Treasurer's Report [Tony Brandon]. Tony Brandon reported the church remains in a financially strong position. The annual audit will be completed this week, and all our accounts are in order. Tony said Katrina Schisler, our new bookkeeper, has provided seamless continuity in maintaining the church accounting and has done an outstanding job in preparing all the necessary information for the audit. The auditor

praised Katrina on her innovative work in managing the accounts and developing a system of checks and balances.

Tony said an analysis of income and expenses for May reveals the Operating Fund is again ahead of budgeted levels. The investments for the Endowment Fund, the Heritage Trust Fund, and the Covenant Fund are all in solid condition and have increased from December 2019. Covenant Fund grants totaling \$62,000 have been given to community partners in response to COVID-19. Tony said the church is in a strong financial position and our mission can be fully supported.

Junior Warden's Report [Steve Sutor]. Steve Sutor said the first floor carpeting was replaced one week ago. The renovation of the bathroom above the choir room has been completed and is awaiting one more sink to install. The work on the North Parking Lot continues and should be completed by late August.

Other Business. As the number of new coronavirus infections has decreased and state and local restrictions on activities are being lifted, David said we will wait until after August 1 to consider holding modified outdoor Sunday worship at the church. A senior yoga group and the 12-step recovery groups previously meeting at Redeemer before the onset of the pandemic have been notified they may begin meeting outside in groups of ten in compliance with Baltimore and Maryland regulations.

The Vestry discussed racial justice issues arising from the current pandemic and the protest demonstrations in response to the police killing of George Floyd. The staff and Vestry will continue the Sacred Ground anti-racism training course over the summer.

Adjournment. Doug Riley gave a closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Fern Riley, Registrar