**Minutes**

**APPROVED**

Zoom Vestry Meeting – April 14, 2021

Present: Fr. Richard, Lynn Garland, Susan Howland, Nancy Waugh, Lorraine Brumskine, Eileen DeMings, Rose Reith, Josh Spooner, Robin Yates, Peg Nelson

Regrets: Lana Pieczynski

Fr. Richard opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m. with prayer and Bible study: St. Luke 24: 36B-48.

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the March 10, 2021, vestry meeting minutes, as amended.**

# **A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the March 2021 Treasurer’s report.**

**Susan presented a motion by the Finance Committee to move savings to the building fund to pay for the handicap railing. The vestry seconded and approved the motion.**

**A motion was made, seconded and approved to move the $2,000 diocesan grant into the equipment fund to be held for future technology needs.**

Susan reported that Tasse’s delivered 2,800 gallons of oil of the 3,000 she had ordered at $2.06 a gallon. Tasse’s has promised to deliver another 1,000 gallons, and Susan will push for the $2.06 rate. Greg will dip the tank around June 1.

Return to In-Person Worship: The consensus of the Executive Committee is that the time has come to return to in-person worship. The vestry agreed that this is possible using all of the protocols in place and, at the same time, continuing remote worship for those wishing it. Fr. Richard strongly suggested that we need to allow an opportunity for people to talk about their experiences—fears, impact of death of loved ones. Rose expressed concern for the tech person who may not yet be comfortable in a group setting. If that is the case, the tech person could start recording the service and then move outside or to another part of the church until finished. There is some sensitivity to the fact that a lot of older members may be vaccinated but younger families have not been. Children have been exposed to the virus during the last year through their schooling experience. Case counts in our area have plateaued. The key is physical distancing and so parents would take care to keep children at a safe distance. Prior to the first service on April 28, the protocol explaining our plan for social distancing, masking, open windows, humming but no singing, use of hand sanitizer will be sent out along with the announcement of reopening. There will be no set limit for attendance (the church can safely accommodate approximately 44), and no RSVP will be necessary. We will continue with Fr. Richard being self-serving and one person as a reader and assisting minister. Printed leaflets can be picked up when we sign in.

**RECTOR’S REPORT**

Review of Holy Week Activities: Palm Sunday went well and we were able to do a Zoom in conjunction with FB Live. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday were very moving. Eileen did a great job with the stations of the cross with the kids. Eileen said that it was wonderful to see these families and to be outside with them. Easter was beautiful with the ringing of the bells and the flowers were beautiful. The vestry thanks Trisha for putting the Alleluia banner together. Because no one came to flower the cross after the service, Dave Monroe stood out on the street and handed flowers to passing cars and wished them Happy Easter.

User Experience from FB Live: Susan reported that the audio difficulties from FB Live seem to be about the internet service in the individual areas. When Susan played back the recording, there were no glitches.

Memorial Request (Re: Bertha Dresser): Barbara Nash, Bertha’s daughter, and Fr. Richard have been in touch regarding a memorial to her mother. Possibilities are replacing the threadbare chairs in Blakely Hall or a sculpture of Madonna and Child. Currently there is about $460 in the fund in her name. Fr. Richard will get some prices and be in touch with Barbara to learn whether the Dresser family would be willing to add to the fund.

 Vacation Thoughts: Fr. Richard and Nina would like to visit their son in Alaska in June or July. Once he has worked out travel details, Fr. Richard will notify us.

**MINISTRY/COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATES**

Communication Report: Susan covered this in earlier items on the agenda.

Building Committee: There will be a building inspection and a fire inspection on April 28. The building inspector has given Tamsin permission to proceed with quotes for the handicap railing.

Family Worship/Faith Formation: Eileen reported that Family Worship will see how things go with the return of in-person worship with the plan to soon return to the Family Worship model.

Neighborhood Ministries: Robin reported that they have spoken with Fr. Jose. Jasmin Reveis was present to advise. The expectation is that they can meet with CHNA 5 to make known the availability of our space for various programs and needs in the town. The strategy is to raise the visibility of Holy Trinity Church with the aim of providing a connection to the neighborhood. An ongoing program of childcare would require Safe Church training. Nancy suggested that it would be easier to get help for one event rather than an ongoing program. The vestry is in agreement with the concept and has asked for more details before calling for a vote.

Daughters of the King: Lorraine reported that the DOK will meet on Saturday, April 17, to pack up two small barrels for shipment to Liberia. More personal hygiene items are needed. The cost of shipping is $150 per barrel.

Social Studies Class: The class continues to meet. Fr. Richard discussed the book Cultural Warlords, about a journalist who impersonated white supremacists and Nazis online to infiltrate their groups to learn of their plans. The book has not yet been adopted by the group.

Closing prayer – Prayer for the Parish

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Next Vestry Meeting May 12, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by Peg Nelson, Clerk