VESTRY MINUTES

(MAY 13, 2021)

Meeting began at 6:32 p.m. with an opening pray by Pam.

Present: Pastor Steve, Pam Sherry, Kris Ekert, Tom Stotz, Martha Houser, Brooke Lau, Jim Smith, Tish Germain, and Karen Davenport

**APPROVALS**

1. The April Treasurer’s Report was approved and filed for audit.
2. The April Vestry minutes were reviewed and approved.

**ONGOING BUSINESS**

1. We next discussed the next steps in our ongoing racism conversation.
2. Pastor Steve proposes to hold a book study with members of the congregation with a book entitled “5 Days” by Wes Moore. He will make the book available to the congregation and start sometime in June.
3. We also discussed getting together with majority black churches including possible Church of the Messiah or the local AME church.
4. Adult Education Classes: Pam provided information on the Great Courses Classes including “How Jesus became God” and “The History and Archeology of the Bible.” We will endeavor to hold classes and review these courses. We hope to have these classes in the fall.
5. Technology: We had a general discussion of technology and recent problems. Seve and the technology team will continue to work on resolving any difficulties. We will ask people to become part of a rotating group to deal with technology services.
6. We discussed opening the church. COVID cases are going down and the Bishop says we can go to 25% occupancy. The question for us is whether we should.
7. We will open for 25% occupancy on Memorial Day weekend. Steve will invite people to come without a mask if fully vaccinated and to wear a mask if they are not.
8. We will have an outdoor service on the 23d, and Steve will discuss specifics with the alter guild.
9. Finally, Tish discussed transitioning to the REALM computer/accounting system. We discussed the ability of individual parishioners to access information from REALM and what training would be required.
10. Steve will work in developing a lectors’ schedule.
11. It appears we are all set for MCREST.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Stotz