

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
July 26, 2020

Opening Devotion: The Rev. Elizabeth Gardner called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m. via Zoom video conference and led the Vestry in prayer.

Present: Jim Bailes, Rob Bluey, Eric Bryda, Charlotte Brown, Francisco Escobar, the Rev. Elizabeth Gardner, Mary Jane Stockstill, David Walton. **Absent:** Belinda Appiah, Nihal Masih.

Clerk's Report: Rob Bluey made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from July 19, 2020, Charlotte Brown seconded, and the Vestry voted to approve.

River Farm Cooperative School: The Rev. Elizabeth Gardner posed the question to the Vestry: How does RFC contribute to St. Mark's mission? Members of the Vestry shared their observations and debated RFC's continuing to be a tenant at St. Mark's.

Resolution:

1. **Whereas**, the River Farm Cooperative School is a past tenant of St. Mark's, be it **Resolved** that the Vestry authorizes a new Letter of Agreement with RFC for a term of one year beginning Sept. 1, 2020, for use of agreed-upon classrooms, Monday through Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

David Walton made the motion, Charlotte Brown seconded, and the Vestry voted to approve. Mr. Walton will draft the Letter of Agreement.

Junior Warden's Report: David Walton shared an update on St. Mark's outreach to cleaning companies. On-site commercial cleaning will be done three times per week for the Narthex, bathrooms, Gibson Hall (but not the classrooms) and will include trash and recycle pickup. No tenants will have access to the kitchen or Patience Hall. The cleaning will be at St. Mark's expense without raising our tenants' rent. Mr. Walton also announced a regathering survey for parishioners of the Potomac Region would be distributed using the region's new email list and website to assess in-person attendance and potential use of a reservation system.

Rector's Report: Rev. Elizabeth attended in-person services at a local Catholic church and shared her observations. There were clearly marked entry and exits, stickers on the floor, masks required, sign-in sheet, no bulletins, no books in the pews, no singing, no ushers, a new seating arrangement, and communion with bread only.

Adjournment: The Rev. Elizabeth Gardner offered a closing prayer. Jim Bailes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 p.m., Rob Bluey seconded, and the Vestry voted to adjourn.

Email approval on September 21, 2020: Rob Bluey made a motion to accept the minutes, Charlotte Brown seconded, and the Vestry voted to approve.