

**St. Boniface Episcopal Church**  
**July 21, 2022 Vestry Minutes**

**Date:** Thursday, July 21, 2022

**Evening Prayer**

**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

**Roll Call**

**Vestry Members Present:** Gino Fellin (Sr. Warden), Randy Thomas (Jr. Warden), Beverly Parker, Zerbe Sodervick, Phil Baker, Larry Patton, Holley Schroeder

**Vestry Members Absent:** Justin Miller, Charles Pettengill, Judy Stickler, Prill Nugent.

**Other Attendees:** Nikki Seger (Assistant Rector), Suzanne Barksdale (Treasurer), David Eichlin (Clerk), Suzanne Gregory, Vince Brennan

**Grants and Outreach Committee:** The Grants Committee received a request in the amount of \$5000 from the Faces of Hope, a North Port 501c (3), a not-for-profit corporation. Its mission is to restore dignity and purpose to clients through sustainable housing, short-term training programs, jobs, and on-going support. Clients are primarily poor, developmentally disabled, or homeless. The grant request is for the cost of establishing and operating a program to train unemployed/underemployed veterans for employment in home health aid and related programs. The committee requested approval by the Vestry to award \$5000 to the Faces of Hope. A **motion** was made to accept, seconded, and approved.

**Strategic Planning Committee:** The Strategic Planning Committee requested approval of a Mission Statement, Vision Statement, and a Statement of Core Values which will guide them as they move forward in the strategic planning process.

**Mission Statement:** The purpose of a Mission Statement is to explain, in a simple, understandable, precise fashion what purpose is served by St. Boniface. Ours will be:

“We are a joyful and inclusive Christian community. Our mission is to live and reflect God’s love through worship, teaching, healing, and outreach to all creation”.

**Vision Statement:** The purpose of a Vision Statement is to explain, in a simple, understandable, precise fashion the result of St. Boniface successfully fulfilling its Mission Statement. Ours will be:

“St. Boniface Episcopal Church will be a community that transforms our greater community through action and unconditional love”.

**Statement of Core Values:** Our Statement of Core Values is our proclamation to the world of who we are. Our Core Values are:

1. We Are an Open and Affirming Community. We live into the two Great Commandments: love God and love your neighbor.
2. We Are a Vibrant Community. We are a vibrant community, which accepts and joins in Jesus' invitation to all to follow him and together build a vibrant community.
3. We Are a Welcoming Community. We are a friendly and welcoming community, open in all we do.
4. We are a Joyful Community. We are a joyful community, filled with Christ's love and the adventure of following where the Holy Spirit leads us.
5. We Are a Community of Outreach. We are called to and practice the Great Commandment that we love and assist our neighbors as ourselves.

A **motion** was made to accept the Mission, Vision, and Statement of Core Values. It was seconded, and approved.

**Warden's Report:** Gino reported that the church is running smoothly in Father Wayne's absence and it is prepared should there be any unexpected significant events. He particularly acknowledged Nikki for her many talents on keeping the church running smoothly while he is away. There will be no vestry meeting in August.

**Junior Warden's Report:** Randy gave an update on the various projects that are currently on-going. Different lighting options continue to be explored for the church. The drainage survey has been completed for the area of the road adjacent to White Sands Condominium Association. There are several items related to it and it is possible that the problem could be addressed with a retention area. A plan is still being developed for the Parish Hall renovation as there are several problem areas that need to be addressed. It is not anticipated that any work would start before October 1, 2022. Flooring will be replaced in the library and music office. The roof on the chapel needs to be replaced and it is still being determined what would be the best solution and most cost effective. Some cosmetic work has been completed on the Columbarium, but more

is needed. The consultant is still determining what else needs to be done. There are other additional maintenance issues that need to be addressed all due to an “aging” campus. The doors on the Healing Mission need to be replaced and the funds for them were previously approved. A kitchen door and double commercial doors need to be replaced for the Boniface Center. A **motion** was made to award Sarasota Glass and Mirror the contract to complete the work in the amount of \$7,195.00. The amount includes labor and permit fees. It was so moved, seconded and accepted. This money will come from capital reserves.

**Treasurer’s Report:** As of June 30<sup>th</sup> fifty percent of the year has elapsed and YTD net income is \$44k over budget. Revenue from plate and pledge exceed budget; however Donor No Pledge has fallen short by \$3k for the month. The Donor No Pledge decline may be due to “snowbirds” returning north for the summer. Expenses YTD are under budget 7%. Section Leader choir salaries and music sub-contracted combined totals come to 47% of the budget. Building operations expense is over budget YTD due to a new hot water heater for the Parish Hall and refrigeration repairs. Overall YTD expenses are under budget by 7%.

**Assistant Rector’s Report:** Nikki thanked the vestry, staff, the Rector and the church for the support while she was away. She asked for prayers for Wayne and Trish while Wayne is on sabbatical. She will “stay the course” and is very grateful for the support of the whole church, especially the assisting clergy. Nikki is continuing to monitor the Covid numbers and any changes to the service will be made depending on the direction it takes. She has been participating in several areas of professional development outside the parish. There have been an increasing number of requests from the community for assistance in areas such as housing and rental needs, utilities, and food. Nikki is also facilitating discernment for three individuals.

**Old Business:** Margery Floyd was nominated to fill the vacancy for the class of 2024 after the resignation of Donna Beck-Smith who is relocating. A **motion** was made, seconded, and accepted.

**New Business:** Vote on the Mission and Vision Statements as presented by the Strategic Planning Team is noted above. Proposed by-law changes for new vestry members has been put on-hold at this time.

**Vestry minute-for-ministry topics:** Margery Floyd has been elected to fill the vacant vestry position for the class of 2024; an update on the parish hall renovations; and the approval of the grants committee request for the grant for Faces of Hope.

A motion was made to accept the minutes for the July 21, 2022 vestry meeting. The motion was accepted, seconded, and approved.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

**Calendar items:**

**Commissioning of New Vestry** - Sunday, July 24?

**Funeral service** - The Rev. John Chrisman, Wednesday, August 3, 10:00 a.m.

**YAS Recital** - Sunday, August 7

**Next Vestry Meeting** - Thursday, September 15, 6:00 p.m.