

Vestry Minutes
approved March 18, 2010
ST. BONIFACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Date: January 21, 2010

Vestry Members Present: Ted Copland (Rector), Jim Palermo (Senior Warden), Reg Irvine (Junior Warden), Gary Buchmeier (Treasurer), Kathie Hayes (Asst. Treasurer), Carl Hye-Knudsen, Carol Marcus-Epperly, Susan Rife, Richard Swastek, Mary Tucker, Becky Westbrook, Sandy Wilbur and Bruce Wilson.

Vestry Members Absent: Michael Walker

Other Attendees: Andi Taylor (Associate Rector), Betsie Danner (Director of Resource Development) and Melba Hye-Knudsen (Clerk).

Call to Order: Ted Copland called the vestry meeting to order at 5:10 pm and introduced Anne M. Vickers, Chief Financial Officer of Diocese of Southwest Florida. Anne met earlier with the Executive Committee of the Vestry and assured the entire Vestry that she looked forward to working closely with St. Boniface in the coming year. Although Anne was unable to stay for the meeting she complemented the Vestry for being proactive and making difficult financial decisions in 2009 which has allowed us to begin 2010 in the black.

Appointment/Election of Officers:

Junior Warden: The Rector called for nominations for Junior Warden. Reg Irvine was nominated, and a **motion** to unanimously elect him as Junior Warden was made, seconded and adopted.

Assistant Treasurers: The Rector called for nominations for Assistant Treasurers. Mary Tucker, Becky Westbrook and Bruce Wilson were nominated, and a **motion** to unanimously elect them as Assistant Treasurers was made, seconded and adopted.

Delegates to Diocesan Convention: Appointment of Delegates was delayed.

Minutes: A **motion** was made, seconded and adopted that the minutes of the vestry meeting held December 10, 2009 be accepted as distributed.

Organizational Actions: After a **motion** was made and seconded, the following organizational motions were adopted:

1. BE IT RESOLVED that this Vestry shall conduct open meetings except when called into executive session for personnel or pastoral concerns, and that our meetings shall be guided by the principles of common sense, the bylaws of this Parish, the Canons of the Diocese and the Episcopal Church, and parliamentary procedure outlined in Robert's Rules of Order.
2. BE IT RESOLVED that the Vestry hereby adopt any in haec verba resolutions that may be required by the bank.
3. BE IT RESOLVED that the Policy on Prevention of Sexual Misconduct of the Diocese of SW Florida be the policy of Saint Boniface Parish.

Policies: The Vestry delayed the approval of policies adopted by previous Vestries. A detailed description of these policies will be provided to the Vestry prior to the next business meeting.

Financial Report for 2009: The Treasurer distributed a summary analysis of revenues and expenses for 2009. He reported that we will go into 2010 with an available balance of approximately \$33,380.43. The 2010 operating budget will be approved at the March meeting. A **motion** was made, seconded and adopted to accept the “preliminary” financial report for the year-to-date through December 31, 2009 for audit, subject to amendments and corrections that may be required at the next business meeting. The Senior Warden thanked the Rector and his staff for their outstanding efforts to reduce costs and effectively manage resources during this past year.

Annual Appeal Status: Betsie Danner reported that currently, the amount pledged for 2010 is \$605,425 which leaves a gap of \$279,575. The amount pledged and the average pledge has increased over what was received this time last year, but the total pledges are down by ten. Betsie thanked those members who recently participated in the Vestry Phone-a-thon and reported that this effort has resulted in an additional \$41,000 being pledged. Betsie also suggested that she will send out a subsequent mailing to those who have not yet pledged.

Upcoming Events: Betsie reminded the Vestry about the **Boniface Bayou Bash** scheduled for January 23st at 4:00pm. This event is a Parish celebration and is not intended as a fundraiser. Betsie encouraged everyone to make reservations for “**What Fresh Hell is This**”, **Dinner with Dorothy Parker** on February 11th at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets for limited seating are \$45 per person and 100% of the money collected will go to support St. Boniface.

Rector's Report: The Rector discussed the 2010 Vestry meeting schedule as follows:

January 21	Organizational
February 18	Focus (Meeting with Karen Hansen, CFO Diocese of Rochester, NY)
March 18	2010 Budget
April 15	Focus
May 20	Spring Financial Review, Grants
June 17	Focus
July 15	Summer (may be canceled)
August 19	Summer Financial Review
September 16	Focus
October 21	Budget, Pledge Drive Finalization
November 18	Nominations, Grants

The Rector reported that the attendance at 11:15am service is growing and that we now have ten scholars in the Schola Cantorum who are receiving scholarships made available by the Friends of Music.

The Diocesan commitments are as follows:

June 6	Bishop's Visit to St. Boniface
October 8 & 9	Diocesan Convention (probable date)

Associate Rector's Report: The Associate Rector reported that she is evaluating the possibility of having a Parish Nurse help with Pastoral Care and will, in connection with Brother Bernard, consider the possibility of establishing a Wellness Program in the Parish.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 6:10pm with a prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melba Hye-Knudsen, Clerk of the Vestry