

Vestry Minutes
Approved September 15, 2011
ST. BONIFACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Date: August 18, 2011

Vestry Members Present: Jim Palermo (Senior Warden), Gary Buchmeier (Treasurer), Kathie Hayes (Asst. Treasurer), Carl Hye-Knudsen, Susan Rife, Henry Rhodes, Michael Walker, Becky Westbrook, Sandy Wilbur, Bruce Wilson and Bill Wood.

Vestry Members Absent: Reg Irvine (Junior Warden), Carol Marcus-Epperly, Richard Swastek and Mary Tucker.

Other Attendees: The Rev. Canon Michael P. Durning (Canon to the Ordinary, Diocese of Southwest Florida), Andi Taylor (Associate Rector), **Betsie Danner** (Director of Stewardship) and Melba Hye-Knudsen (Clerk).

Call to Order: Jim Palermo asked Canon Durning to call the vestry meeting to order at 5:00 pm with a prayer. Canon Durning provided the vestry with suggestions regarding the transition process and answered questions. Canon Durning indicated he was pleased with the progress that St. Boniface has made, suggested that the vestry and the search committee study Acts 1:21-26 prior to beginning the search for a new Rector and indicated that the Diocese is available to help the parish in the transition process.

Minutes: A **motion** was made, seconded and adopted that the minutes of the vestry meeting held on July 21 be accepted as distributed.

Search Committee: Jim Palermo reported that two additional people had agreed to serve on the Search Committee. A **motion** was made, seconded and adopted to accept John Cooper and Mary Tucker as members of the Search Committee. The search committee will consist of the following fifteen people: Ann Albritton, Doug Francis, Jesse Poston, David Eichlin, Laura Pardee, Bob Karlson, Jack Pendray, Chris Hayes, Peter Burroughs, Ginger Pavloff, Katie Hayes, Sarah Soboleski, John Leeming, John Cooper and Mary Tucker. The first meeting of the vestry and the Search Committee will occur on Sunday, September 4, 2011 in the Community Center.

Porter Bequest: Betsie Danner reported that a portion of the bequest from the Porter estate had been received. A **motion** was made, seconded and adopted to accept the bequest from the Porter Estate with gratitude. The money received to date is invested with Northern Trust.

Air Conditioner Replacement for Church: Jim reported that a 30 year old air conditioner cooling the Church not functioning properly. Attempting to repair this obsolete equipment is not cost effective and three bids are being obtained to replace this system with more efficient, state-of-the art units. A **motion** was made, seconded and adopted to authorize the Wardens to spend up to \$25,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund (902100) to replace the system after a determination is made that 60 tons of air is indeed required.

Video/Audio System for the Church: Jim reported that the Vince Brennan and Reg Irving visited the Church of the Palms to look at their video/audio system. Vince and Reg will be meeting with a contractor in the near future to evaluate options and costs for upgrading the system at St. Boniface.

2011 Diocesan Convention: Jim reminded the vestry of the upcoming 43rd annual meeting of the Diocese of Southwest Florida on October 21-22 at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center in Punta Gorda. Jim encouraged our delegates to attend the meeting and stressed that it is important that St. Boniface be well represented during this time of transition.

Staff Appreciation Fund: Betsie Danner reported that a parishioner would like to give a donation to the Staff Appreciation Fund to recognize volunteer clergy who had supported the parish this summer. A **motion** was made, seconded and adopted to accept the parishioner donation to the Staff Appreciation Fund to recognize our volunteer clergy.

Other Business: Jim reported that Ted Copland is now officially off the payroll, Anita Countryman has reduced her hours from 32 to 20 and St. Boniface will sponsor a booth at the Gay Pride Parade to be held in Sarasota in late October.

Bill presented a proposal for an **Energy Audit** from DwellGreen to inspect the buildings, monitor electrical consumption with eMonitors, document present conditions and make recommendations for conservation of energy and water. The cost of the evaluation is expected to not exceed \$2,200. Bill reported that a parishioner has agreed to fund \$1,100 of the cost and the project. A **motion** was made, seconded and adopted to accept the parishioner donation of \$1,100 to help defray costs of an energy audit, to authorize Bill to proceed with an Energy Audit after he obtained at least one additional bid for the project, and authorized money, not to exceed \$1,100, be taken from the Campus Greening Fund (901103) to finance the remainder of the project.

Gary Buchmeier gave a comparison of the preschool deficits for 2010 and 2011 and reported that the preschool currently has 30 students registered for the fall. This is very close to the goal of 32 and a preschool review will be on the September vestry agenda.

There being no further business, Jim asked Andi to adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm with a prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melba Hye-Knudsen, Clerk of the Vestry

Vestry Meeting Schedule (all business meetings)

September 15

October 20

November 17

December 15

Kick-off Meeting with Search Committee

September 4 11:00am Community Center