

**St. Boniface Episcopal Church**  
**January 22, 2017 Annual Parish Meeting Minutes**  
**Approved February 16, 2017**

*In accordance with the canon law of the Diocese of Southwest Florida and the by-laws of St. Boniface Church, the parish meeting, having been announced in the Church newsletter, Sunday leaflets, and from the pulpit, was held at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, January 22, 2017, in the Boniface Community Center. A booklet was distributed containing the agenda for the meeting, as well as information on outreach, our ministries & groups, financial & investment status, pledging households, etc.*

**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by the Priest-in-Charge, Wayne Farrell

**Assignment of Secretary** Lisa Wolf, Clerk of the Vestry, was appointed to serve as secretary for the meeting

**Leadership Recognition** to outgoing vestry members Doug Francis, Tammy Lloyd, Tony Neubroch and Jon Gordon

**Sr. Warden Report** Doug Francis

Remarked on our congregation's five-year transition, emphasizing on how love and forgiveness sustained our parish. Appreciation was given to the staff, vestry, choir, retired clergy, Bishop's staff, our chancellor, as well as all group ministry leaders and volunteers.

**Jr. Warden Report** Vince Brennan

- Many improvements to our campus in 2016: new LED lighting around the exterior of the campus; added wheelchair accessibility signage; purchased and affixed two defibrillators; installed wireless antennae in the church; replaced air conditioning unit for St. Francis Room; purchased new printer/copiers for church, music, and preschool offices; replaced lightbulbs in the church
- Planning to compile a 2017 facilities report to review immediate and long-range needs
- Recognition of Building & Grounds Manager, Dick Walker, Tony Consalvo, the St. Joseph Workers and B.E.S.T. committee

**Treasurer Report** Jon Gordon

- 2016 highlights: reported income in 2016 of \$843,351, expenses were \$793,567; \$96,446 was raised in the Prepare The Way campaign; approximately \$70,000 was saved over the year, mostly through personnel changes; a \$49,000 surplus to carryover
- 2017 Budget: Budgeted expenses for 2017 are \$899,206; current pledged income is \$630,680 as of January 19, 2017; possibly draw \$20,000 from the Endowment Fund this year to cover some operating expenses
- Investment Account Balances: As of December 31, 2016, the balance of invested funds was \$1,924,928.74. During the year, \$28,000 of the investment funds were used for Outreach and \$36,827 were used for capital projects

A **motion** was made, seconded and accepted to affirm the 2017 budget as presented by the Treasurer.

## **Vestry Election**

- Vestry nominations were accepted from the floor, none were presented

A **motion** was made, seconded and accepted that there be no balloting and that the slate be elected by acclamation. A unanimous vote confirmed the election of the slate presented; vestry members of class of 2019 are Jon Gordon, Rooney Mereness, Charlie Pettengill and Judy Stickler.

## **Preschool Update** Sarah Schebel

Remarked on the fact that the preschool ministry is 30+ years old, currently has a staff of seven and enrollment of about 30 students, ended the 2016 year with a surplus, and thanked the parish for its support

## **Priest-in-Charge Report** Wayne Farrell

- *"As we move into our future, this parish is rich with the blessings of so many."*  
Remarked on the tireless volunteer leadership in our vestry and all ministries, the resilient professional staff and retired clergy. The parish has been blessed with ALL who have supported St. Boniface by coming to worship and giving each week - your belief in the values of this community and the love of God have helped to overcome the challenges.
- *"And there are also many real, measurable markers that support my celebration of optimism."*  
The Preschool is financially self-supporting; we have experienced great attendance on Sundays and other parish events; 287 pastoral care visits were made with 649 communions received; continue to be a vital public gathering place for the community of Siesta Key
- *"Finances also tell a story."*  
2015 was a year of reduced giving, cuts to programs and staffing, and extraordinary overages in expenses. 2016 was a year of responsible expense management and faithful giving - the departure of clergy and music staff helped to lower expenses, and the positive response to the Prepare the Way campaign yielded a year-end surplus. *"What a difference a year makes."*
- *"2017 is the year to restore us to full ministry and staffing levels."*  
We welcome James Guyer as our new full-time organist/choirmaster, and plan to hire a full-time associate priest this summer. Our 2017 pledge support of \$630,00 is short of the lofty \$750,000 goal. In the spirit of renewal and recovery, a request to the vestry was made to fully fund the operational budget using non-pledged funds, a one-time investment to continue to do greater mission and ministry. *"We are planting and watering with faith that God will give the growth."*
- Appointed Suzanne Barksdale as the new Sr. Warden

## **Opened the Floor to questions & comments** Wayne Farrell

**Adjournment:** Closing prayer given by Rev. Wayne Farrell, meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Wolf, Clerk of the Vestry