

St. Boniface Episcopal Church
January 21, 2018 Annual Parish Meeting Minutes
Approved February 15, 2018

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 21, 2018, in the Boniface Community Center. A booklet was distributed containing the agenda for the meeting, as well as information on outreach, vestry nominees, financial & investment status, pledging households, etc.

Opening Prayer

Call to Order The meeting was called to order by the Rector, Wayne Farrell

Leadership Recognition

- Boniface Hero awards were presented to Phil Baker and Steve Graham for their underwriting of the 2017 Motown Christmas event and their leadership shown as chairpersons of this year's record-setting annual stewardship campaign
- Gifts were presented to the out-going vestry members Vince Brennan, Doriel Boyce, Joanne Heiland and Mary Ivey
- Recognition was given to Jr. Warden, Vince Brennan, and Sr. Warden, Suzanne Barksdale

Sr. Warden Report Suzanne Barksdale

- Remarked on our congregation's "Journey to Generosity....Together"
- Mutual ministry review was conducted last spring with Wayne, the vestry and the staff, supporting Fr. Farrell being called as Rector of St. Boniface Church
- Annual Appeal update: current pledges are at \$772,352 exceeding the goal

Jr. Warden Report Vince Brennan

- No more leaks in the Church's roof
- 30+ LED bulbs have been installed about the campus
- New phone system has been installed
- Several rooms have been painted
- Tree trimming continues around the campus
- Vestry approved the purchase and installation of a new sound system in the church
- Recognition of Building & Grounds Manager, Dick Walker, Tony Consalvo, the St. Joseph Workers and B.E.S.T. committee

Treasurer Report Jon Gordon

- 2017 highlights: income in 2017 was \$908,735, expenses totaled 896,772, which results in a \$11,963 surplus to carryover
- 2018 operating budget: Budgeted expenses for 2018 are \$951,147; current pledged income of 766,320 as of January 21, 2018; \$20,000 from the Endowment Fund will move to the operating account; 2016 surplus still remains, if needed

Vestry Election

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

A **motion** was made, seconded and accepted to close the nominations. A unanimous vote confirmed the election of the slate presented; vestry members of class of 2020 are Phil Baker, Ann Hardcastle, Tom Krueger and Cynthia Sand

Rector Report Wayne Farrell

"I likened the start of 2017 to an adventure. Adventure is what happens when God acts and you follow Spirit's nudging."

- "We did not know this time last year about how it would work out for us, as priest and parish. I had just been here 3 months.
- We were yet to fully experience the awesome musical gifts of James Guyer.
- Last year at this time we did not even know the names Jonathan Evans, or S.U.R.E., or Irma!
- Elisa Hansen was still a layperson, interning at another parish.
- None of us had the slightest inkling that Susan O'Carroll would end the year here as our Preschool Director.
- We did not budget for an ordination or an installation.
- We had yet to hear the phrase "Journey to Generosity..." or cottage meetings!
- Jerry and John Long-McCullough became liturgical companions for our deaf parishioners, and then Barbara Kerr offered her gift as an ASL interpreter.
- This also turned out to be an unplanned year of transition for our largest ministry enterprise, the St. Boniface Preschool. A seven-member board has been established, and our new director brings much experience. Under this new leadership, the vestry is committed to the school in the short term, and confident of the school's sustainable future.
- Ministries to children, youth and families is beginning to flourish again under the direction of Fr. Jonathan Evans.
- This year James Guyer will be launching our Royal School of Church Music program for children in the area.
- I have asked Paul Neuhauser to serve as Senior Warden."

"So we are filled with gratitude to God for the year's achievements, and look forward with excitement toward the opportunities and divine plans that are unfolding."

Opened the Floor to questions & comments Wayne Farrell

Adjournment: Closing prayer given by Rev. Wayne Farrell, meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Wolf, Clerk of the Vestry