

St. Boniface Episcopal Church
January 27, 2019 Annual Parish Meeting Minutes
Approved February 21, 2019

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

Siesta Youth Chorale

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

Leadership Recognition

- Joanne Heiland for her service as Altar Guild Director, Lea Ellwood-Filkins newly appointed
- Boniface Hero awards were presented to the Preschool Board members Ann Hardcastle, Frankie Krueger, Carol Fox, Vince Brennan, Beverly Parker, and Jenifer Parker
- Gifts were presented to the out-going vestry members Reg Irvine, Suzanne Barksdale, and Paul Neuhauser, and to the 2018 Sr. & Jr. Warden

Sr. Warden Report Paul Neuhauser

- Reflected on 2018 mission and ministry:
 - *Outreach:* S.U.R.E, Habitat for Humanity, Family Promise, Red Tide assistance (\$8,000), Rise Against Hunger (20k+ meals), the vestry's pledge of 10% of operating over four years to outreach ministry
 - *Music Ministry:* Evangelism to the community, the Siesta Youth Chorale, the Concert Series, quality of Sunday morning music, acquisition of new timpani
 - *Finance:* slight surplus, 95% of pledge goal achieved, investment committees workshop on charitable giving/estate planning/tax reform, generous bequests recently received, \$1,000,000 pledge goal by 2022.
- Future planning: to consult with CPG representative on the future direction of the parish, i.e. capital campaign, disaster planning
- Other:
 - We celebrate the 36 year ministry of the preschool
 - Black Nativity event & fundraiser a success
 - 65th anniversary gala dinner in February
 - New ministries established i.e., Grief & Loss Group, Hikes & Prayers, Faith & Foundations
 - Many Christian educational opportunities, Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings
 - Fr. Jonathan's educational pursuit and future pilgrimage

Jr. Warden Report Rooney Mereness

- Recognition of Building & Grounds Team Dick Walker and Tony Consalvo
- New sound system installed in 2018

- Replacement of three air conditioners
- Purchased new altar microphone
- Plan to revamp the planter in front of St. Francis
- Campus-wide tree trimming
- \$58,000 was set aside in 2018 for the Capital Reserve
- Recently met with the Sheriff's Department re: campus safety & security
- Will repurpose the Preschool classrooms
- Organ maintenance needed, \$280k

Treasurer Report Jon Gordon

- 2018 actuals: income in 2018 was \$970,993, expenses totaled \$935,464, resulting in a \$35k surplus to carryover
- 2019 operating budget: Budgeted expenses for 2019 are \$1,088,072; current pledged income of \$769,689 as of January 25, 2019 toward our goal of \$820,000; staff will receive a 4% COLA this year
- 2019 5% draw from the Endowment Fund = \$75,000
- 2018 bequested gifts over \$600,000, ¼ to capital reserve, ¼ to vestry to designate, ½ to the Endowment Fund

Investment Chair Report Oliver Janney

- The Investment Committee manages the church's Endowment Fund and other investments
- Noted market volatility in 2018, but had a 2.2m to 2.5m recovery

Member Engagement Betsie Danner

- Shared gifts of time, talent, and treasure, noting:
 - *Our Ministry Groups*: some support the parish directly, others in the community
 - *Outreach*: (referred to the outreach pages of the meeting booklet)
 - *Financial Stewardship*: honor roll pledge thank you, recognized the best efforts of the Annual Appeal Committee, and noted the legacy giving of the Boniface Cornerstone Society

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 2021 are Ray Droege, Suzanne Gregory, Larry Patton and Alice Reid

Rector Report Wayne Farrell

"Annual meetings are opportunities to pause and scan the horizon. To look back; to assess the present; and to look ahead."

- 65th anniversary logo designed by parishioner Hannah Gregory
- Many events planned to celebrate our 65th year: gala dinner next month, Bishop Smith being with us on Palm Sunday, a narrated walking tour of the campus is planned for the Spring, in early June we will celebrate Boniface Day, on Sunday November 17, we will use the same order of worship that our founders did at their first service on November 14, 1954, and a Parish Fair happens in December

- Record setting giving for 2019 is within reach and grateful to each who has pledged financial gifts. This year's budget for mission and ministry will, for the first time, top one million dollars
- As Episcopalians, our common life centers around worship. It takes about 70 people, paid and volunteer, to make each Sunday happen here, thank you to all of you who serve. And, flexible liturgies and alternative texts, all within the approved guidelines, better reflect the seasons deepen our worship experience
- Another part of our mission is to be a community of welcoming and love, a place where everyone can learn and grow in Christ
- All of our professional staff and clergy continue to exceed my expectations and I know you join me in gratitude for them. Jonathan Evans' title was changed this year from Curate to Associate Rector in recognition of his outstanding work. We also acknowledge our Deacon, Elisa Hanson, and all the ways that she is serving and growing in her vocation
- Phil Baker named Senior Warden
- Many forces demographic, environmental and cultural that will influence our future - the way we look now, we now won't look at our 100th anniversary. Just as today we don't look like we did in 1954, or '74, or '94. I think that our founders always expected evangelism to be part of our parish DNA, and that passing this place on - better and stronger - has always been a part of who we are.

"2018 was a great year. 2019 is going to be a fun and exciting year, and it is my great privilege to be your rector."

Opened the Floor to questions & comments Wayne Farrell

Adjournment: Closing prayer given by Rev. Wayne Farrell, meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Wolf, Clerk of the Vestry