

**St. Boniface Episcopal Church**  
**August 2020 Vestry Minutes** approved September 17, 2020

**Date:** Thursday, August 20, 2020

**NOTE: As the COVID-19 epidemic continues during this time, this is a remote meeting using Zoom technology**

**Vestry Members Present via ZOOM:** Wayne Farrell (Rector), Suzanne Gregory (Sr. Warden), Rooney Mereness (Jr. Warden), Phil Baker (Treasurer), Ray Droege, Ann Hardcastle, Tom Krueger, Beverly Parker, Larry Patton, Charlie Pettengill, Alice Reid, Judy Stickler

**Vestry Members Absent:** Sandy Wilbur

**Other Attendees via Zoom:** Lisa Wolf (Clerk), Jonathan Evans (Associate Rector), Joe Master (Business Manager)

### **Evening Prayer**

**Call to Order:** The Rector called the meeting to order, and invited each member to "check-in"

**Stewardship Committee:** Mary & Jon Gordon, co-chairs  
Introduced the "Faith Filled Generosity" TENS theme for this 2021 Annual Appeal

**Sr. Warden Report:** Suzanne Gregory

- Although we are still in "virtual church," we welcomed five new households during this time, have begun Sacred Ground dialogue, "quarantina" concerts continue, micro-community calls continue, etc. to keep connected and engaged
- Randy Thomas, emergency management coordinator, has established a committee to assist in the event of a weather disaster and recommends:
  - Consider hurricane shutters
  - Pre-purchase packing materials to have on hand
  - Asking members that do not live in flood zones to house items taken from the church
- Monetary purse for Cindy Hannon's retirement: ≈\$5,500 in parishioner donations has been received.

A **motion** was made, seconded and accepted to present a purse of \$15,000 to Cindy Hannon from the Staff Appreciation Fund on the occasion of her retirement of over 30 years of service as the Business Manager of the parish.

**Jr. Warden Report:** Rooney Mereness

- Request from James Guyer on handbell refurbishment:

A **motion** was made, seconded and accepted to spend up to \$7,500 from Vestry-to-Designate fund to refurbish the handbells.

- One a/c unit (of two) replaced in the Healing Mission, waiting on re-inspection

- Obtaining quotes on hurricane shutters for church office and lower-level church building
- Obtaining quotes on multi-camera system for the church
- New IT company has implemented new wi-fi system, installed new server and firewall, desktops have been installed with latest Windows version

**Treasurer's Report:** Phil Baker (and Joe Master)

- Budget Committee to meet soon (Phil, Judy Stickler, Rooney Mereness, Larry Patton)
- Review of July financial statements
- Church audit in process

**Associate Rector:**

- Continue with pastoral care calls, online Christian formation, migration ministry
- Interviews with Moises Lopez now up on our website

**Rector:** Wayne

- Potential re-gathering for Sunday worship September 13 if numbers after schools open (August 31) look okay
- Diocesan Convention and Convocation online this year, and delegates are to gather safely in-person at their parishes to participate
- Pray for vestry member Sandy Wilbur
- Betsie Danner is facilitating the Sacred Ground conversations on anti-racism
- S.U.R.E. online "house" meetings begin soon

**Other Business**

- Consider an air-purification system for the church building
- A \$7,500 correction/adjustment to Wayne's health insurance benefit to be reflected in next month's financial
- St. Nicholas Fair committee's consensus is to not have a Fair event this December, but would still like to have some on-line gifts to purchase, with proceeds going to outreach

**Minutes:**

A **motion** was made, seconded and accepted that the minutes of the vestry meeting held on July 16, 2020 be approved as written.

**Adjournment:** 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Wolf, Clerk of the Vestry