

St. Boniface Episcopal Church
February 2021 Vestry Minutes approved March 18, 2021

Date: Thursday, February 18, 2021

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), Suzanne Barksdale (Treasurer), Ray Droege, Gino Fellin, Prill Nugent, Larry Patton, Charlie Pettengill, Alice Reid, Zerbe Sodervick, Judy Stickler, Randy Thomas

Vestry Members Absent: Beverly Parker

Other Attendees via Zoom: Lisa Wolf (Clerk), Jonathan Evans (Associate Rector), Joe Master (Director of Business & Finance)

Call to Order after Evening Prayer

Stewardship Report: (Prill Nugent)

- To date, \$802,422 in pledge commitments, 96% of goal, and includes eight new-to-St. Boniface pledges, as well as eight other households who have never pledged

Migration Ministry Workgroup: (Jonathan Evans/Randy Thomas)

- Distributed "Sponsorship Plan," detailing support needed to sponsor two Iranian asylum seekers currently being held in a detention center in Mississippi. The plan includes legal, housing, clothing, food, language/interpretation, medical/mental health, educational, employment placement, etc. support. Further discussion and documentation at next vestry meeting.

Post Annual Meeting business:

- **Rooney Mereness**, elected Jr. Warden
- **Suzanne Barksdale**, elected Treasurer
- **Lisa Wolf**, appointed Clerk/Secretary
- **Jon Gordon**, affirmed by vestry the Rector's appointment as Chancellor
- Approved signatories on Bank of Montreal (BMO) Investment Account – **Wayne Farrell, Suzanne Gregory, Suzanne Barksdale**
- Approved signatories on commercial bank accounts – **Wayne Farrell, Suzanne Gregory, Suzanne Barksdale, Rooney Mereness**
- Organizational Actions:
 1. BE IT RESOLVED that this Vestry shall conduct open meetings except when called into executive session for personnel or pastoral concerns, and that our meetings shall be guided by the principles of common sense, the bylaws of this Parish, the Canons of the

Diocese and the Episcopal Church, and parliamentary procedure outlined in Robert's Rules of Order. *APPROVED*

2. BE IT RESOLVED that the Vestry hereby adopt any in haec verba resolutions that may be required by the bank. *APPROVED*
3. BE IT RESOLVED that the Policy on Prevention of Sexual Misconduct of the Diocese of SW Florida be the policy of Saint Boniface Parish. *APPROVED*

A **motion** was made, seconded and accepted that the minutes of the January 24, 2021 annual meeting be approved as written.

Sr. Warden Report: Suzanne Gregory

- Welcome new vestry members

Jr. Warden Report: Rooney Mereness

- Engaging with engineering firm re: rooftop cross and water leaks
- Re-evaluating original roofing bid on Parish Hall building
- Would like to "refresh" the Parish Hall this year
- Contact was made with the County re: parking lot (drainage), waiting on meeting
- Very impressed with the work Jesse Munoz is doing

A **motion** was made, seconded and approved to transfer \$55,000 (\$5,000 for rooftop cross repair + \$50,000 for Parish Hall building roof replacement) from the Capital Reserve account to the Building Projects Approved account.

Treasurer's Report: Suzanne Barksdale

- Review of January 2021 financial statements
 - Current year pledge is a healthy start to the year
 - The "Donor-no-Pledge" line includes generous \$60k gift
 - Revenues are solid and expenses are in-line for the month

Site Planning/Revisioning Committee:

- Campus walk-about completed
- Awaiting meeting with the County re: drainage before proceeding with next phase

Associate Rector: Jonathan

- "Sunday Seminar" this month with parishioner Donna Conyers

Rector: Wayne

- Thanks to Tina Tyler for Lenten altar adornments
- Gino Fellin is new leadership for Altar Guild
- James Guyer would like to consider hiring a fifth section leader to the choir, adding another \$7,500 to the budget

A **motion** was made, seconded and accepted to authorize James Guyer to hire a fifth paid musician, conditionally on a one-year commitment.

- The local chapter of the American Guild of Organists is in need of a resident "library," a space on our campus was offered (at no charge) - *APPROVED*
- A parishioner who attended the 10:00 service this past Sunday tested positive for COVID-19 the following day, the church was contacted, and in turn we contacted others in attendance. This reminds us the importance of making reservations.

Old Business

A **motion** was made, seconded and accepted to appoint Randy Thomas as Safety Officer for 2021.

New Business

- Releasing COVID-19 information: discussion on releasing names of those who attended in-person worship then tested positive for the virus. The consensus was to request the names be public (so we can also pray for them), but will respect privacy and only release location of where they were seated
- Vestry retreat (by Zoom) scheduled for Saturday, March 6
- Delegates to Diocesan Convention:

A **motion** was made, seconded and accepted to appoint Suzanne Gregory, Judy Stickler, Gino Fellin, and Harry Davant (alternate)

- Parochial Report

A **motion** was made, seconded and accepted to affirm the report as presented.

Minutes:

A **motion** was made, seconded and accepted that the minutes of the vestry meeting held on January 21, 2021 be approved as written.

Calendar Items:

- **Sunday Seminar** – Sunday, February 28, 7:00 pm by Zoom
- Next monthly **vestry meeting** – Thursday, March 18, 5:00 pm

Adjournment: 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Wolf, Clerk of the Vestry