

**St. Boniface Episcopal Church**  
**November 2017 Vestry Minutes**  
**Approved December 21, 2017**

**Date:** Thursday, November 16, 2017

**Vestry Members Present:** Wayne Farrell (Rector), Suzanne Barksdale (Sr. Warden), Jon Gordon (Treasurer), Vince Brennan (Jr. Warden), Doriel Boyce, Suzanne Gregory, Joanne Heiland, Reg Irvine, Mary Ivey, Paul Neuhauser, Charlie Pettengill, Judy Stickler

**Vestry Members Absent:** Rooney Mereness

**Other Attendees:** Lisa Wolf (Clerk),

### **Evening Prayer**

**Call to Order:** The Rector called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

**Minutes:** A **motion** was made, seconded and accepted that the minutes of the vestry meeting held on October 19, 2017 be approved as written.

### **Treasurer's Report:** Jon Gordon

- \$68,106 has been released to the Operating account from the Endowment Fund (\$20,000), from Vestry to Designate fund (\$19,781), and from the Apportionment Accrual (\$28,325)
- \$40,000 prior year income still available to move into this year
- Estimate is a \$10,000 surplus by year end
- The Preschool is currently at a \$13,000 deficit as of month end October
- Review of proposed 2018 operating budget:
  - Budgeted income/expense for 2017 was \$899,206, proposed income/expense for 2018 is \$954,565. Increases due to full-year salary for priest associate, 10% increase in employee health benefit, the addition of personnel in the Music department to assist with youth choir, 3% C.O.L.A. for staff, \$7,000 commitment to S.U.R.E.

### **Pledge Update** (as of 11/16/17):

- 100 households have pledged \$316,242 thus far, an average of \$3,164, up 21.52% from this time last year. Nine new pledging households, also six other households that did not pledge last year, and 65% of households have increased their pledge overall.

### **Jr. Warden's Report:** Vince Brennan

- New phone system: installation begins December 1 with Medtel Co., purchased equipment
- Sound system update: A grant from the Burruss Foundation is not forthcoming, discussion and funding to purchase a new audio system has been tabled

**Sr. Warden Report:** Suzanne Barksdale

- Commented on the “very positive” atmosphere here at St. Boniface Church
- Staff Compensation Committee will convene when job descriptions are available to review

**New Business:**

- Grants & Outreach Committee:
  - Rise Against Hunger emergency meal packing event this Saturday, goal is to pack 15,000 meals with \$4,500 in donations
  - The Committee has proposed a \$3,500 grant be made to S.U.R.E

A **motion** was made, seconded and accepted to award a \$3,500 grant to Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity in support of the parish's 2018 dues.

- Preschool Transition: Upon the resignation of Sarah Schebel, the situation gives pause to “reassess” the preschool ministry, in existence for 35 years at St. Boniface Church
  - A preschool committee has been formed to re-evaluate
  - The current enrollment is under twenty students, with four teachers
  - Currently interviewing to fill the Director position

**Rector Report:** Wayne Farrell

- A gracious “thank you” for the Renewal of Ministry service and reception that took place on November 1
- Some liturgical changes to the Sunday services in Advent, incorporating Morning Prayer
- A niche in the Columbarium was dedicated some years ago for interment of those experiencing financial hardship
- The youth Provenance IV (southern US) will meet here at St. Boniface on December 2 for an afternoon of worship and fellowship
- Rick Pereira is stepping in as leader of the usher ministry, recognition and thanks of former usher leaders will take place December 17

**Calendar items:**

- **Meal Packaging event** – Saturday, November 18, 9:45 a.m.
- **Abundance Sunday** (pledges returned & blessed) – Sunday, November 19
- **Interfaith Thanksgiving service** - Sunday, November 19, 5:30 p.m. First Presbyterian
- **Thanksgiving Eve service** – Wednesday, November 22, 5:30 p.m.
- **World AIDS Day service** - Friday, December 1, 6:00 p.m., St. Andrew United Church of Christ
- **Elisa Hansen Holy Orders to Diaconate:** December 2, 11:00 a.m., Cathedral St. Petersburg
- **Confirmation classes** – Sundays in December & January
- **Motown Christmas event** - Tuesday, December 5, 6:00 p.m.
- **Lessons & Carols** – Sunday, December 17, 6:00 p.m.
- **Next Vestry Meeting** – Thursday, December 21, 5:00 p.m.

**Adjournment:** 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Wolf, Clerk of the Vestry