

St. Boniface Episcopal Church
October 2018 Vestry Minutes
Approved November 15, 2018

Date: Thursday, October 18, 2018

Vestry Members Present: Wayne Farrell (Rector), Paul Neuhauser (Sr. Warden), Rooney Mereness (Jr. Warden), Jon Gordon (Treasurer), Phil Baker, Suzanne Gregory, Ann Hardcastle, Tom Krueger, Denise Ayre, Sandy Wilbur

Vestry Members Absent: Suzanne Barksdale, Reg Irvine, Judy Stickler

Other Attendees: Lisa Wolf (Clerk), Jonathan Evans (Priest Associate)

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

Guest: Will Newton, Executive Director of S.U.R.E.

- Presented St. Boniface Church with a "Certificate of Achievement"

Minutes:

A **motion** was made, seconded and accepted that the minutes of the vestry meeting held on September 20, 2018 be approved as written.

Election of new vestry members:

- The vestry nominating committee calls Sandy Wilbur (class of 2020) and Denise Ayre (class of 2019), unanimously accepted

Treasurer's Report: Jon Gordon

- Review of the September 2018 financial statements
- Budget Committee has been working, preliminary 2019 budget to be presented next vestry meeting

Jr. Warden Report: Rooney Mereness

- Recent quote for new lighting system in the Church ≈ \$58,000
- Recent quote for new video camera for video streaming ≈ \$25,000
- Necessary organ repair expense of \$4,800
- Recent leak in the Church roof was re-caulked at the cross, which needs reinforcement
- Recent quote for refurbishment of the fountain area ≈ \$10,000

Sr. Warden Report: Paul Neuhauser

Nothing to report at this time

Preschool Board: Ann Hardcastle

Vestry asked for recommendations from the Board by this next meeting as to the sustainability of the Preschool. Citing low enrollment, continual financial deficits, and changing demographics on Siesta Key, the Board, after careful consideration, recommends ceasing the operation of the Preschool as of December 21st.

A **motion** was made, seconded and unanimously accepted to close the Preschool effective December 21, 2018.

- A timeline of announcement for the closure was presented, and to be amended

Grants & Outreach Committee: Suzanne Gregory

▪ The Committee submitted seven grant recommendations (totaling \$19,000) to the vestry
A **motion** was made, seconded and accepted to award grants to All Faiths Food Bank (\$3,000), Children's Guardian Fund (\$2,500), Face of Hope (\$3,000), Meals on Wheels (\$3,000), Solar Circle (\$1,000), Visible Men Academy (\$3,500), and Take Stock in Children (\$3,000).

- The Committee requests to modify some verbiage in the Application Guidelines

A **motion** was made, seconded and accepted to change in point #1, "Religious programs and projects" to "Works of mercy and justice, consistent with our Baptismal Covenant" and change in point #9, "We see regular grants for overseas mission as part of our focus" to "We see grants for global humanitarian missions, as part of our focus."

Annual Appeal Committee:

- Pledge packets will be distributed to committee members and vestry next week, then to the parish on Sunday, November 4
- Cottage meetings continue, going well

65th Anniversary Committee:

- Would like to create a publication of parishioners' anecdotes
- Organizing a parish dinner
- Would like to conduct history tours of the church and campus
- Considering a ministry fair

S.U.R.E. Report:

- A summary of the recent Community Problems Assembly was previously submitted via email

Associate Report: Jonathan Evans

- "Hikes & Prayers" event scheduled for Saturday, November 17
- "Faith & Foundations" Christian education to begin Sunday, November 4, 9:00 am
- "Compassionate Conversations" once-monthly begin in November
- Grief & Loss ministry meetings have been well-attended

Rector Report: Wayne Farrell

- Attendance continues to go up some each Sunday
- The Diocesan 50th Anniversary Convention and celebration with Bp. Curry was a wonderful event
- With the connection of the Siesta Key Chamber of Commerce, St. Boniface is offering assistance to any Siesta Key employee (with families) who has had financial hardship because of Red Tide. To date, we have given \$2,600 in gift cards and assistance to 28 people

Calendar items:

- **Labyrinth Walk & Talk** – Saturday, October 20, 10:00 a.m.
- **Sarasota Pride Fest** – Saturday, October 20, 12:00-6:00 p.m. downtown Bayfront
- **Young Artist Showcase Concert** – Sunday, October 21, 4:00 p.m.
- **Key Chorale Concert** – here at St. Boniface, Saturday, October 27, 4:00 p.m.
- **BABOOS Event** – Saturday, November 3, 5:30 p.m.
- **Evensong Service & Recital** – Sunday, November 4, 4:00 p.m.
- **Vestry Meeting** – Thursday, November 15, 5:00 pm

Adjournment: 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Wolf, Clerk of the Vestry

Additional action item post-meeting:

In a message dated 10/26/2018 1:23:19 PM Eastern Standard Time:

Vestry members,

St. Boniface Church is the beneficiary of a bequest that can be received by (a) a lump sum pay out, or (b) an annual payout over 5 years. Noted below is the Investment Committee's recommendation.

After consideration, please respond to the Clerk your vote on which action to take to receive the bequest.

The Investment Committee advises that St. Boniface Church take the bequest as a lump sum rather than a payout over five years.

Passed: Replies from 10 vestry members affirm the Investment Committee's recommendation of taking the bequest as a lump sum pay out.