

**St. Boniface Episcopal Church**  
**September 2021 Vestry Minutes** approved October 21, 2021

**Date:** Thursday, September 23, 2021

**Vestry Members Present:** Wayne Farrell (Rector), Suzanne Gregory (Sr. Warden), Rooney Mereness (Jr. Warden – via Zoom), Suzanne Barksdale (Treasurer), Ray Droege, Gino Fellin, Prill Nugent, Beverly Parker, Larry Patton (via Zoom), Charlie Pettengill, Alice Reid, Zerbe Sodervick, Judy Stickler (via Zoom), Randy Thomas

**Vestry Members Absent:** NONE

**Other Attendees:** Lisa Wolf (Clerk), Joe Master (Director of Business & Finance – via Zoom)

**Evening Prayer**

**Call to Order**

**“Field Trip”** to view the condition/deterioration of the Columbarium’s west section:  
A **motion** was made, seconded and accepted to proceed with evaluation of rebuilding the Columbarium west wall.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Suzanne Barksdale

- Review of July & August 2021 financial statements
- Review and acceptance of the 2020 Financial Audit

**Affirmed** the vestry executive committee’s previous approval of the **final 2020 audit** compiled by Mercurio & Maxwell CPA’s.

- Diocesan assessment for 2022 is ≈\$115,000

**Gratitude Commission:** Prill Nugent

- Distributed the objectives and campaign plan report, the 2022 Gratitude campaign theme is “Every Act of Giving”

**Strategic Planning Committee:** Suzanne Gregory

- Contracted with Holy Cow Consulting
- Expanding the workgroup
- First plan of action would be congregational assessment

**Migration Ministry Workgroup:** Randy Thomas

- The committee (co-chairs Randy Thomas and Deborah Caby), working in partnership with Lutheran services, has committed to house a mother and young daughter here on campus for six months, moving in on Saturday, September 25. Resource and financial support primarily from Lutheran services, physical space and other needs supported by the Migration Ministry, little support will be asked of the church staff.

A Zoom conversation was held with the vestry and **The Very Rev. Nikki Seger**, the leading candidate for Assistant Rector.

A **motion** was made, seconded and accepted to support the Rector's decision to hire Nikki Seger, subject to the Bishop's approval.

**Sr. Warden Report:** Suzanne Gregory

- Thanks to fellow vestry for help with the recognition reception for Betsie Danner Sunday, September 12. \$14,000 in gifts have given to the Celebration Fund in Betsie's name towards outreach.
- Thanks for vestry participation in the Labor Day holiday parking

**Jr. Warden Report:** Rooney Mereness

- Review and discussion of the Capital Expenditure Needs report, listing potentially near-term expenditures and other future facility needs
- Parish Hall refurbishment project

A **motion** was made and seconded that the cost of the refurbishment not to exceed \$100,000.

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A **motion** was made, seconded and accepted to approve the overhaul of the church lighting system, not to exceed \$50,000, expensed from the Capital Reserve Fund.

A **motion** was made, seconded and accepted to expense \$3,700 for choir microphone (part of the phase II church audio project) from Vestry-to-Designate (\$2,480) and Rector-to-Designate (\$1,220).

**Rector:** Wayne

- Proceeding to next step of employment, extending an offer to Rev. Nikki Seger for Assistant Rector position

A **motion** was made, seconded and accepted to proceed with the hiring process.

- \$35,000 bequest has been received from the Sandy Wilbur estate, and \$25,000 from the Sam Dickson estate
- Rite II / Eucharistic Prayer A liturgy planned for October until Advent begins
- Several discretionary aid requests made lately, grateful to have the financial resources available to assist those in need

**Minutes:**

The minutes of the vestry meeting held on July 15, 2021 were approved as written.

**Calendar Items:**

- **Wayne continuing ed** – September 26 – October 6
- **Liturgy** October until Advent – Rite II, Prayer A
- **Sunday Book Discussion** – resumes Sunday October 3, 9:00 a.m.
- **Evensong** – Sunday, October 3, 5:00 p.m.
- **Pet Blessing** – Saturday, October 9, 10:00 a.m.
- **CST Zoom educational offering** – Saturday, October 9, 10:00 a.m.

- **Rabbi Shull presentation** – “Confronting Anti-Semitism and telling the Jewish Story”  
Wednesday, October 13, 2:00 p.m.
- **Diocesan Convention** – Friday & Saturday, October 15 & 16
- Next month’s **vestry meeting** – Thursday, October 21, 5:00 pm

**Adjournment:** 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Wolf, Clerk of the Vestry