

St. Boniface Episcopal Church
December 2021 Vestry Minutes approved January 20, 2022

Date: Thursday, December 16, 2021

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

Vestry Members Absent: Nikki Seger (Assistant Rector), Beverly Parker, Judy Stickler, Randy Thomas

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

Call to Order

Investment Committee: Ellyn McColgan

- Committee members include Ellyn McColgan, chair, Peter Dadzis, Ron Henderson, John Buszin and Michael Fischer (newly appointed by the Rector)
- Committee proposed changes to the St. Boniface Church *Parish Invested Funds, Gifts and Bequests* policies to include REITs in investment portfolio diversification

A **motion** was made, seconded and accepted to adopt the committee's updates to the Endowment policy to include the addition of Real Estate Investment Trusts, specifically through REIT ETFs and index funds, to the approved asset classes for Parish Invested Funds.

Gratitude Commission: Prill Nugent

- As of December 15, pledge commitments total \$690,623, a \$158,220 shortfall thus far
- 70% of households have increased their pledge, 60 households that have pledged previously have yet to for 2022

Nominating Committee: Suzanne Gregory

- Presented the slate of nominees: Phil Baker, Larry Patton, Holley Schroeder and Donna Beck Smith

A **motion** was made, seconded and accepted those names above to be presented as the vestry class of 2024, to be voted on at the Annual Meeting in January 2022.

Strategic Planning Committee: Suzanne Gregory

- Meetings of the committee to begin in January
- Committee members include Vince Brennan, John Dickie, Larry Patton, Jim Tompkins, Mary Gordon, Donna Beck Smith, Suzanne Gregory, Judy Copland, Lynn Wright, Reg Irvine

Capital Planning Workgroup: Suzanne Barksdale

- No updates

Sr. Warden Report: Suzanne Gregory

- Nothing to report at this time

Jr. Warden Report: Rooney Mereness

- Water feature behind Healing Mission to be filled in
- Replacing the carpeting in St. Francis room
- Columbarium west wall (parking lot side) has been caulked and painted

Treasurer's Report: Suzanne Barksdale

- Review of November 2021 financial statements
- \$1,370 Thanksgiving offering awarded to All Faiths Food Bank
- Current year pledge fulfillment (as of Nov. 30) is \$683,154, \$125k shortfall from budgeted
- The 2022 budget is in process, awaiting more pledge information

Assistant Rector: Nikki Seger

- Nothing to report (out-of-town)

Rector: Wayne Farrell

- Recently directed grants from the Rector-to-Designate fund to Visible Men's Academy (\$5,000), ERD (\$2,500) and Senior Friendship Centers (\$5,000), as well as \$3,400 from Discretionary fund for a parishioner's family's medical expenses
- Nikki Seger will be away for continuing education January 17 - 19
- Tony Consalvo retiring December 31st, retirement gift to be presented at services Sunday, December 26
- Bp. Smith encouraging parishes to continue safe protocols for Christmas services
- Girl Scouts annual "lock-in" this weekend in the Community Center
- Interior decorative wood shutters have been installed on the North windows of the church
- Architect Don Lawson recommends Wilson Structural Engineering to review Columbarium west wall issue
- Advent letter has been sent
- With a rented bucket lift, nine lightbulbs in the church were replaced
- \$2,000 gift received from the Dowd estate
- Lisa Wolf resigning as Clerk of the Vestry
- Betsie Danner will be compensated unused vacation benefits upon her retirement (as per the Employee Handbook)

Old Business

- Established Christmas services COVID safety protocols

A **motion** was made, seconded and accepted that all attendees will wear masks for services Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

New Business

- Annual Meeting

A **motion** was made, seconded and accepted that the Annual Meeting of the Parish will be held Sunday, January 30, 2022 immediately following the 10:00 service.

- Clergy housing allowances

A **motion** was made, seconded and accepted the 2022 housing allowance set for The Rev. Wayne Farrell is \$46,920, and for The Rev. Nikki Seger is \$28,000.

Minutes:

The minutes of the vestry meeting held on November 18, 2021 were approved as written.

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Calendar Items:

- **Christmas services** – Christmas Eve 4:00 & 7:30 p.m., Christmas Day 10:00 a.m.
- **Office closed for holiday** – week of December 27th
- **Epiphany Service** – Thursday, January 6, 6:30 p.m. (simple supper before)
- **Organ Concert** – Friday, January 7, 7:00, Jeremy Filsell
- **Key Chorale** – concert at St. Boniface, Saturday, January 15
- **Next vestry meeting** – Thursday, January 20, 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment: 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Wolf, Clerk of the Vestry