

St. Boniface Episcopal Church
December 2020 Vestry Minutes approved January 21, 2021

Date: Thursday, December 17, 2020

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), Phil Baker (Treasurer-delayed in attending), Ray Droege, Ann Hardcastle, Tom Krueger, Larry Patton, Charlie Pettengill, Alice Reid, Judy Stickler

Vestry Members Absent: Beverly Parker, Sandy Wilbur

Other Attendees via Zoom: Lisa Wolf (Clerk), Jonathan Evans (Associate Rector), Joe Master (Business Manager)

Call to Order after Evening Prayer

Sr. Warden Report: Suzanne Gregory

- Nice to “see” parishioners at virtual coffee hour on Thursday mornings
- Enjoyed the Lessons & Carols service, encouraging attendance numbers on live-stream

Jr. Warden Report: Rooney Mereness

- Campus tree-trimming done this week
- Air purifiers for the Church still on order
- Wi-fi was down on most of the campus for a day last week
- Now that trees have been trimmed back, can address some roofing issues
- Still waiting on a report from the structural engineer re: rooftop cross and water leaks
- Assessment of equipment and clean up of the Community Center kitchen in process

Treasurer’s Report: (Phil Baker)

- year-to-date income and expenses still on track
- The \$5,000 grant from the Burruss Foundation and the \$13,739 small business relief grant from Sarasota County (C.A.R.E.S.) will be added to general fund revenue by year’s end
- 2021 budget still in progress, will use actual pledge amounts, not the \$833k figure original budgeted. To be submitted for approval at the January 2021 vestry meeting.
- The \$107k PPP loan’s current “forgiveness” status is by June 2021, and the income will be recorded then
- Changing banking institutions still in process

Vestry Nominating Committee:

- Moved that Gino Fellin, Randy Thomas, Zerbe Sodervick and Prill Nugent presented as slate of nominees for vestry class of 2023 - **Approved**

Grants & Outreach Committee: Suzanne Gregory

- Suzanne Gregory is rotating off the Committee
- Committee moved grants be awarded to Streets of Paradise (\$3,242) and Remnant Cafe (\$3,242): **Approved**

St. Nicholas Fair Committee: Ann Hardcastle

- Sold all 50 hand-blown glass ornament sets. Proceeds, parishioner donations, and Discretionary funds totaled gifts of \$1,500 to Family Promise, \$1,600 to All Faiths Food Bank, and \$1,300 to Meals on Wheels.

Associate Rector: Jonathan

- Beginning January, once-monthly "Sunday Seminars" on a variety of topics
- Saturday, January 16th another "work day" on the playground. Recently received a donation from a family that lives nearby towards equipment
- Thanks the vestry on behalf of the staff for the year-end bonuses
- Resuming Spring DMin classes next month online

Rector: Wayne

- Christmas services 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm Christmas Eve, 10:00 am Christmas Day
 - Congregational seating limited to 115 each service
 - All services will be live-streamed
 - A service will be pre-recorded on December 22
- New 4-camera system in place, much to learn
- Ann Stephenson-Moe, retired organist of Church of the Redeemer, is participating at St. Boniface, and will only be compensated when substituting as organist
- To date, pledges have been received from 189 households, totaling ≈ \$698k, 84% of our goal
- Received an unexpected (anonymous) \$61,344 gift of stock to go towards the 2021 operating budget, as well as \$5,000 to Discretionary, \$2,000 to Friends of Music, and \$5,000 to Staff Appreciation
- Executive Committee approved staff year-end bonuses (the amount of one-week's pay) from the Beach Parking Fund
- Applications for Presbyter and Lay members to the Bishop Coadjutor Search Committee now being accepted through December 31, 2020

New Business:

- Clergy Housing allowance for 2021:

RESOLVED, that the Housing Allowance for The Rev. Wayne Farrell, beginning January 1, 2021, be and hereby is set at \$43,500; the housing allowance set in this resolution shall remain in effect for all future periods until and unless otherwise provided or modified in a future action by the Vestry.

RESOLVED, that the Housing Allowance for The Rev. Jonathan Evans, beginning January 1, 2021 be and hereby is set at \$50,000; the housing allowance set in this resolution shall remain in effect for all future periods until and unless otherwise provided or modified in a future action by the Vestry.

Minutes:

A **motion** was made, seconded and accepted that the minutes of the vestry meeting held on November 19, 2020 be approved as written.

Calendar Items:

- Christmas services – 4:00 & 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve, 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day
- Next vestry meeting – Thursday, January 21, 5:00 pm
- Annual Meeting – Sunday, January 24, 2021

Adjournment: 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Wolf, Clerk of the Vestry