

St. Boniface Episcopal Church
May 2021 Vestry Minutes approved June 17, 2021

Date: Thursday, May 20, 2021

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), Suzanne Barksdale (Treasurer), Ray Droege, Gino Fellin, Prill Nugent, Beverly Parker, Larry Patton, Zerbe Sodervick, Judy Stickler, Randy Thomas

Vestry Members Absent: Charlie Pettengill, Alice Reid

Other Attendees via Zoom: Lisa Wolf (Clerk), Jonathan Evans (Associate Rector)

Call to Order

Sr. Warden Report: Suzanne Gregory

- Felt "more back to normal" last Sunday, still exercising safe protocols
- Walker Catering (Dick & Carolyn Walker) accepted \$1200 for kitchen equipment detailed in a January 29, 2021 letter from the Rector
- Link to the diocesan vestry retreat that was held May 8 sent to vestry members, for review and resource
- "Next steps" include hiring a consultant for strategic planning
- Considering a Mutual Ministry Review, as ones were completed in 2017 & 2019

Jr. Warden Report: Rooney Mereness

- Improvement work to the cross atop the church complete, have not had rain to "test it out"
- Gathering information to "refresh" the Parish Hall interior after the roof is replaced on that building
- Yet to hear back from the County representative re: drainage issue

Safety Officer Report: Randy Thomas

- Hurricane season is here, should consider revisiting the plan from last year for hardening the campus – for discussion next vestry meeting

Treasurer's Report: Suzanne Barksdale

- Review of April 2021 financial statements
- PPP loan liability is now forgiven

St. Nicholas Fair Committee: Prill Nugent

▪ The Committee requests of the vestry "seed" money to cover prepaid expenses of the Fair
A **motion** was made, seconded and accepted to support \$5,000 for inventory and preliminary expenses for the Fair.

Associate Rector: Jonathan

- Potential seven confirmands for Bp. Garrison's visit June 13th
- Nursery care resumes this Sunday and Church School resumes Sunday June 6
- Migration Ministry update: US immigration officials have denied our request for asylum seekers to be released into our care. Parish donors who have given to the cause have been notified.

Rector: Wayne

- Staff member Joe Master on medical leave through May 31
- Rev. Steve Parker, chaplain of Resurrection House, has begun a "street" ministry in the homeless community, pastoring to them and providing them sundries and "pin" money. The St. Boniface Discretionary fund supports this outreach ministry.
- Tasked Jonathan to form a workgroup to recommend a strategic planning consultant
- "Recovering" our customary, with fellowship after the services and communion (bread only) at the altar rail. The pews in one of the back bays are reserved for those who want to be socially distanced.
- Finishing the audio/visual upgrades with additional microphones, reconfiguring the software, etc. Cost is ~ \$10k, Friends of Music will be invited to contribute \$4,000, the remaining \$6,000 from video-streaming ministry fund.

A **motion** was made, seconded and accepted to obtain bids and complete the work for \$10,000.

- Staff member Jesse Munoz completed his dissertation defense, and now holds a Doctorate in Music
- Considering opening up facility spaces again for paid rentals, will meet with staff about use of space, staffing and income/expenses
- Director of Business & Finance and Treasurer moving ahead with new banking relationship of Hancock Whitney
- Deacon Elisa Hansen continues to safely quarantine at home
- Church Office opens next week, staffed with volunteers 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
- Consider gathering next vestry meeting in-person and online by Zoom

Minutes:

The minutes of the vestry meeting held on April 15, 2021 were approved as written (by email) on April 22, 2021.

Calendar Items:

- **Day of Pentecost** – Sunday, May 23, fellowship in the Courtyard after services
- **Sunday Seminar** – Sunday, May 23, 5:00 pm with deacon Elisa Hansen
- **Trinity Sunday** – May 30
- **Memorial Day** – Monday, May 31 – Office closed
- Final **Quarantina Concert** – Wednesday, June 2, 7:30 pm
- **Boniface Day** – Sunday, June 6, and Church School resumes
- **Bp. Garrison visit** – Sunday, June 13
- Next monthly **vestry meeting** – Thursday, June 17, 5:00 pm

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Adjournment: 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Wolf, Clerk of the Vestry