

St. Boniface Episcopal Church
November 2021 Vestry Minutes approved December 16, 2021

Date: Thursday, November 18, 2021

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

Vestry Members Absent: Ray Droege

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

Evening Prayer

Call to Order

Gratitude Commission: Prill Nugent

- The “Grateful Gatherings” last month went well
- Pledge packets have been distributed, Abundance Sunday is this Sunday to bless pledges
- Will get thank you notes out as pledges come in

Strategic Planning Committee: Suzanne Gregory

- Will begin work at the start of the new year

Nominating Committee: Suzanne Gregory

- Will report at next vestry meeting

Grants & Outreach Committee

- \$46,450 in grants are awarded to: Habitat for Humanity (\$5,000), Resurrection House (\$4000), Second Heart Homes (\$9,450), Take Stock in Children (\$4,000), Dream Center (\$4,000), SPARCC (\$5,000), Children’s Guardian Fund (\$3,000), Family Promise Francis House (\$5,000), Meals on Wheels (\$5,000), Solar Circle (\$2,000)
- Funding sources are operating budget (\$36,000), the Betsie Danner Celebration Fund to support Outreach (\$7,000), direct donations to outreach (\$1,825) and designated memorials i/m/o Rae Jean McCall (\$1,625)
- Adding \$5,000 that was awarded earlier this year, brings total grants made in 2021 to \$51,450

Capital Planning Workgroup: Suzanne Barksdale

- The Capital Expenditure Forecasting draft report was distributed and discussed

Migration Ministry Workgroup: Randy Thomas

- The committee will make a \$1,000 donation to the national Episcopal Migration Ministry for displaced Afghans, from their designated account – ***Affirmed by Vestry***

Sr. Warden Report: Suzanne Gregory

- Nothing to report at this time

Jr. Warden Report: Rooney Mereness

- Continue to revise plans for the Parish Hall renovation
- Church roof is still leaking, in same areas where cross is attached
- Replaced air-conditioning unit in the Healing Mission
- Under contract to replace carpeting in St. Francis room
- Initial estimate of ≈ \$29,000 to upgrade the lighting equipment in the church (exclusive of labor)

Treasurer's Report: Suzanne Barksdale

- Review of October 2021 financial statements
- Reminder statements to those with unfulfilled 2021 pledge amounts going out late November/early December
- The Sandy Wilbur bequest is in a designated fund, and accounted for
- The 2022 budget is in process, waiting on more pledge information

Rector: Wayne Farrell

- Recently received a \$20,000 grant from the Burruss Foundation (John Berteau, trustee)
- Sunday attendance has increased, the 8:00 service moved to the sanctuary
- Employment agreement for The Rev. Nikki Seger has been signed, awaiting diocesan approval
- Recently met with an architect regarding the columbarium, they will get back to us with assessment
- Collecting "pounding" gifts for Nikki and Jennifer, Nikki due to arrive in Sarasota November 30th
- Spoke with the Hamilton family regarding the memorial garden/water feature behind the Healing Mission, they are agreeable to whatever work and changes need to be done

Minutes:

The minutes of the vestry meeting held on October 21, 2021 were approved as written.

Calendar Items:

- **Christ the King and Abundance Sunday** – Sunday, November 21, blessing of pledges
- **Thanksgiving Eve service** – Wednesday, November 24, 6:30 p.m.
- **Office closed for holiday** – Thursday & Friday, November 26 & 27
- **Advent 1 Year C** – Sunday, November 28 – Morning Prayer with Holy Communion following
- **Nikki Seger** – arrives in Sarasota Nov. 30, employment begins Wed. December 1, 2021
- **Advent Gathering** – staff & vestry at the Farrell's, Friday, December 3, 6:30 p.m.
- **St. Nick Fair "Market"** – Sunday, Dec. 5 (Fair trade items, jewelry, handbags, poinsettias)
- **Celebration Coffee Hour** – Sunday, Dec. 5, hosted by vestry (end of Appeal, Nikki welcome)
- **Seraphic Fire concert** – Wednesday, December 8, 7:00 p.m.
- **Next vestry meeting** – Thursday, December 16, 5:00 p.m.
- **Christmas services** – Christmas Eve 4:00 & 7:30 p.m., Christmas Day 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment: 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Wolf, Clerk of the Vestry