

St Boniface Episcopal Church
September 15, 2022 Vestry Minutes approved October 20,2022

Date: September 15, 2022

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

Evening Prayer

Roll Call

Vestry Members Present: Gino Fellin (Sr. Warden), Justin Miller, Beverly Parker, Charlie Pettengill, Judy Stickler, Prill Nugent, Zerbe Sodervick, Phil Baker, Larry Patton, Marjorie Floyd

Vestry Members Absent: Randy Thomas (Jr. Warden), Holley Schroeder

Other Attendees: Nikki Seger (Asst. Rector), Suzanne Barksdale (Treasurer)
David Eichlin (Clerk)

Grants & Outreach Committee: The Grants committee requested approval for \$5000 for the Our Little Roses Ministry in Honduras. The applicant is an unincorporated association which supports Our Little Roses. The grant request is for pediatric medical outreach for the community where Our Little Roses was founded. St. Boniface has supported it for a number of years. Rev. Dee (as she is called) is a nurse who visited Our Little Roses, which is a combination school/residence for about 100 girls without families living in a dangerous community. She gathers a few nurse friends who pay their own way and go to Honduras to provide acute medical care for infants and children in the community adjacent to Our Little Roses. They bring liquid formula and water among other things and care for up to 500 children. The grant request is targeted to pay for antibiotics and other needed supplies. A motion was made to approve the grant, seconded and approved. The money will be taken from the Betsy Danner Celebration Fund.

Gratitude Committee: Members of the Gratitude Committee presented the calendar for the fall stewardship campaign called "**More Than Enough**".

- A. Sunday, September 11 - "Soft Kick-off" - first TENS insert in bulletin
- B. Sunday, September 18 - TENS insert - Phil Baker
- C. Sunday, September 25 - TENS insert - Suzanne Barksdale
- D. Sunday, October 2 - TENS insert - Marjorie Floyd
- E. **Monday, October 3 - Thursday, October 19 Cottage Meetings** - during the 3 weeks before pledge packet distribution
October 11 - 6:00 pm - home of Doriel and Carlisle Boyce

October 20 - 11:00 am - home of Mary and John Gordon

October 13 - 6:00 pm - Home of Larry Patton

October 16 - 11:30 am - plenary Cottage Meeting in the Community Center

F. Sunday, October 23 - Pledge Packet Distribution

G. Lay Witness Testimonials

1, Sunday, October 23 - Shen and Akio Miller

2. Sunday, October 30 - Caroline Amory

3. Sunday November 6 - Betsy Danner

H. Sunday, November 13 - Abundance Sunday - Pledge Cards are turned in at the 8:00 and 10:00 services

Senior Warden Report - Gino reported that on 9/8/22, Nikki, Larry and Gino attended the Manasota Deanery Convocation at St. Marks, Venice in preparation for the Convention in Punta Gorda October 14th & 15th. It was a little different because it was a presentation by the Diocese with Bishop Smith and Bishop Coadjutor Scharf in attendance. They provided a review of the proposed FY23 budget and noted that there will be additional funding provided for those Congregations in need. The New Beginnings youth program (grades 6 – 8) will be up and running starting October after a year off for program redevelopment. Akio Miller will be going as a Junior Counselor and Nan Miller will be going as the Nurse for an upcoming weekend event. The Consecration of Rev. Dr. Scharf at the Van Wezel is scheduled for 9/24/22. Gino and the Vestry **commended** Nikki for the wonderful job she is doing while Wayne is away on Sabbatical.

Junior Warden Report - There are a number of projects still underway such as the LED light system, the awning/room of the outdoor chapel, and the Columbarium. These projects are moving along slowly due to getting information that is needed from contractors and consultants. The doors to the Healing Mission are being installed. Rooms not presently occupied are being cleaned, repaired, and updated. The drainage project is on hold. The Parish Hall project is on hold pending input from the architect. The process is underway to contact vendors to paint some of the structures on the campus which is a preventative measure to mitigate wind and rain damage. All of the soffit lighting (54 units) will be replaced. There are numerous other routine maintenance issues that are being addressed due to the aging of the campus. A motion was made to increase the cost of improving lighting to \$4700 to Wentzel Electric from June. So moved, seconded and accepted.

Treasurer's Report - Due to the constantly changing market the value of the church portfolio is always in flux. Our BMO Investment account is managed conservatively. Expenses for the year are under budget for the year. The church's net income year to

date is exceeding its expenses which is a positive thing. The annual audit was received by the Vestry for review and the church had a clean audit with no required adjusting entries. The Vestry **commended** Joe Master, Director of Business and Finance, for the job he did in preparing the audit.

Assistant Rector Report - Nikki has had a full schedule while Wayne is on Sabbatical. She is eternally grateful for the support she has received from the retired clergy both for Sunday morning services and for other various needs in the parish. She continues to look for a new home with her wife, Jennifer. She received kudos for the wonderful work she is doing in Wayne's absence.

New Business - Marjorie Floyd was welcomed as the newest member of the Vestry. It has been recommended some members of the church take CPR/First Aid Instruction so we are prepared should there be any unforeseen medical situations during a church event. It was noted that first aid kits are updated on a yearly basis. It was suggested that more be done to involve parishioners and other people who view services on-line in the life of the church.

Acceptance of July 21, 2022 Vestry Meeting Minutes - A motion was made to accept the July minutes as written, seconded and approved.

Vestry Minute-for-Ministry topics - Zerbe Sodervick volunteered to present to the congregation the topics on Sunday, September 18.

- 1) Vestry meeting with the Strategic Planning Committee
- 2) Little Roses ministry grant
- 3) Outreach to newcomers to church

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Calendar Items:

Consecration of Bishop Elect Scharf – Saturday, September 24, 11:00 am

Commissioning of New Vestry - October 16

Pet Blessing - Saturday, October 1, 10:00 am

Rector's Return - October 7

Recital and Evensong - Sunday, October 9, 5:00 pm

Diocesan Convention - Friday & Saturday, October 14 & 15

Next Vestry Meeting - Thursday, October 20, 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

David Eichlin

Clerk of the Vestry

