

**St. Boniface Episcopal Church**  
**September 2020 Vestry Minutes** approved October 15, 2020

**Date:** Thursday, September 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), Ray Droege, Ann Hardcastle, Tom Krueger, Beverly Parker, Larry Patton, Charlie Pettengill, Alice Reid, Judy Stickler

**Vestry Members Absent:** Sandy Wilbur

**Other Attendees via Zoom:** Lisa Wolf (Clerk), Jonathan Evans (Associate Rector), Joe Master (Business Manager), Jesse Munoz (music ministry – for presentation)

**Call to Order:** The Rector called the meeting to order, and invited each member to “check-in”

**Audio/Visual ministry update:** Jesse Munoz

- Reported on the final recommendations for a/v system improvements in the church

A **motion** was made, seconded and accepted to proceed in contracting with Focused Technology to complete the work and installation of the new system.

**Sr. Warden Report:** Suzanne Gregory

- Convocation was September 2nd by Zoom, other workshops being offered online in advance of the Diocesan Convention
- Recently attended a S.U.R.E. “house” meeting
- Nice to be in-person worshipping again, invite others to attend if comfortable

**Jr. Warden Report:** Rooney Mereness

- Air purifiers and disinfecting systems being considered for church and offices

A **motion** was made, seconded and accepted to spend up to \$2,500 from Vestry-to-Designate fund to purchase air purification units.

- a/c repair in the Parish Hall in progress
- clean-up and improvements to large playground, Jonathan to come up with a plan and cost

**Treasurer’s Report:** Phil Baker (and Joe Master)

- Review of August financial statements, continued strong participation in giving and pledging
- Church audit being finalized
- Preliminary budget reviewed by committee, waiting on 2021 insurance expense
- Resuming search of new banking institution

### **Grants & Outreach Committee** (Suzanne Gregory)

- Vestry approved the committee's recommendation to award \$5,000 grant to Family Promise of Sarasota

### **St. Nicholas Fair Committee** (Ann Hardcastle)

- No in-person fair event this year, will be selling hand-blown glass ornament sets with proceeds to be divided among Family Promise, All Faiths Food Bank, and Meals on Wheels charities

A **motion** was made, seconded and accepted that the vestry will provide \$2,300 in "seed" money to pre-purchase 50 sets of ornaments.

### **Associate Rector:**

- Continue with pastoral care calls, online Christian formation, migration ministry
- Deacon Elisa Hansen engaging with school counselors/social workers to financially aid those in need

### **Rector:** Wayne

- Deacon Elisa Hansen is much better health-wise, but still needs to stay safe at home
- Sandy Wilbur has been absent from several vestry meetings because of medical issues - as her term expires the end of this year, no need to fill the vacancy
- Cindy Hannon visited by staff and presented her with the "purse" and cards
- The Rev. Charleston Wilson has been appointed Rector at Church of the Redeemer
- A total of \$36,050 has been donated to All Faiths Food Bank through St. Boniface Church's appeal
- In-person mid-week Eucharist being offered Wednesdays at noon
- Siesta Youth Chorale resuming in October
- "Daisies" Girl Scout Troop to resume their meetings here
- Daily Office officiants now also include Joe Master, Donna Conyers and Cynthia Sand
- Draft employee policy manual in process by committee
- Vestry nominating committee to be organized by next meeting
- Richard Walker retiring effective November 25 (his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday), last day on campus is Sunday, October 11
- Oliver Janney resigning as Chancellor and Chair of Investment Committee
- Sacred Ground anti-racism dialogue meetings in place, led by Betsie Danner

### **Minutes:**

A **motion** was made, seconded and accepted that the minutes of the vestry meeting held on August 20, 2020 be approved as written.

### **Compline**

**Adjournment:** 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Wolf, Clerk of the Vestry