

St. Boniface Episcopal Church
Tuesday, March 14, 2017
Vestry Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Fr. Kenny Miller, Senior Warden Sean Coenen, Junior Warden Sarah Kerkman, Derick Dalhouse, Jeff Gattie, Gena Fischer, Debbie Hogate, Dave Purcell, Heidi Mortensen

Absent: Peder Berg, Mike Bons, Roger Hajny, Ryan Schaffner

Parish Attendees: Deacon Terry Garner, Ken Jonas, Bob Pasternack

Call to Order

Fr. Kenny opened the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Approval of February 2017 Minutes

Sarah Kerkman made a motion to approve the minutes. Derick Dalhouse seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Building and Grounds Report

Ken Jonas reported that he is exploring options for reducing costs and has several parishioners who have expressed interest in volunteering for cleaning and mowing duties. Ken estimates that volunteers could help the church save up to \$1,000 on lawn care and \$6,000 on cleaning services annually. To facilitate the switch to a volunteer work force, Ken submitted a request for needed equipment.

Debbie Hogate made a motion to approve up to \$1000 for 2 vacuum cleaners and 3 walk behind mowers. Derick Dalhouse seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ken reported that he has reset the thermostats and light controls in an effort to decrease costs (estimated annual savings \$1,000). He also renegotiated floor mat cleaning for a \$600 annual savings.

Ken plans to post building and grounds information on the kiosk to help keep the parish updated.

Fr. Kenny reported that the seals applied to the new east doors can keep the doors from latching properly and people should check closely to ensure the door is closed.

Rector's Report

Fr. Kenny will be out of town the next two weeks on vacation and will also be out for a few days the week after Easter for a medical procedure.

Fr. Kenny reported that he had a meeting with Bishop Miller. The diocese is considering selling the rectory.

Treasurer's Report

Debbie Hogate distributed draft reports for February. There were no significant changes in income or expenses. Debbie confirmed that \$75,000 had been moved from the Cleaver trust per last month's Vestry approval. This will be reflected when March financials are completed.

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Old Business

Capital Campaign

Fr. Kenny reminded the Vestry that the capital campaign officially ends April 30, 2017.

2017 Budget - April Listening Sessions

Debbie Hogate proposed that at the April Listening Sessions we share a high level recap of the current financial position, some of the ideas we have as a Vestry and ask the parish to share activities they would like to be involved in. The sessions aren't intended to focus only on the financials, but also how we can build community.

Fr. Kenny suggested that we consider bringing back something we did a few years ago which was to identify a parish event or activity each month that helps bring people together.

Sarah Kerkman will write an announcement for the bulletin and reminder to inform the parish of the sessions.

There will be a planning meeting for Vestry members on March 23 at 7:00 p.m. All Vestry members should try to attend this meeting to share their ideas.

The Listening Sessions will be held on April 1 and 2. Again, any Vestry member available should attend at least one of the sessions. The following members are confirmed for the dates:

4/1 Sean, Dave, Fr. Kenny

4/2 Heidi, Derick, Jeff; Heidi will bring refreshments for coffee hour that Sunday.

The Vestry also discussed the variety of non-church events that occur at St. Boniface (pre-school, children's music class, Weight Watchers.) It was suggested that we do a better job of letting the parish know of these events and encourage them to participate in these groups, as appropriate.

New Business

Communications Committee

Dave Purcell reported that he has put together a committee of 5-6 people focused on improving internal and external communications. They've developed a list of potential activities that they will continue to explore.

Dave also suggested that the Vestry take the opportunity to get to know one another better by taking turns doing a 5 minute introduction (see attached Introduction Presentation Outline.) Sean and Gena will do their introductions at the May meeting.

Parochial Report

Fr. Kenny presented the parochial report for Vestry review and approval.

Derick Dalhouse made a motion to accept the report as presented. Dave Purcell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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Parish Feedback

A suggestion was made that St. Boniface could sell ads in the bulletin as a source of income. The Communications Committee will take it under consideration.

Adjournment

Fr. Kenny adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Next Meeting

DATE CHANGE: April Vestry meeting scheduled for 4/25

Respectfully submitted by Heidi Mortensen.

Minutes approved at _____ Vestry meeting.