

ST. BONIFACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Vestry Meeting Minutes - May 21, 2026

5:30 Gathering Time for Spiritual Direction – Nikki

6.00 The meeting was called to Order & Roll Call was held.

Present: Justin Miller (Sr. Warden), Mark Johnston (Jr. Warden), Cass Anderson, Suzanne Barksdale, Carol Gilchrist, Bob Moody, Prill Nugent, Trudi Williams, Christine Puthoff

Zoom: Wendy Prell, Dick Smoot

Absent: Marjorie Floyd

Other Attendees: Nikki Seger (Rector), Sharon Alden (Clerk), Jen Foster (Vestry Intern)

A. Consent Agenda

1. April Vestry Minutes
2. Treasurer's April Financial Reports
3. Senior Warden's Report
4. Rector's Report
5. Budget Committee Report
6. Grants & Outreach Report

This was pulled as there is an addendum to this report announcing the new co-chairs for the Bazaar: Nan Miller and Maryann Tearle.

Carol made a motion to accept the consent agenda and Cass seconded it. It passed unanimously.

B. Old Business

1. Litigation Update & Next Steps (Bob)

- a. Bob has asked Carolyn for a market value update on the property. Cannon has 15 days to respond to the court's decision, but it is unclear if they will appeal. There was a discussion regarding collecting the lawyer's fees but it is feared that it may cost more to pursue than worth the expense. This will be discussed with our lawyer.
- b. There was also a discussion regarding the possibility of a future Capital Campaign. Bob will talk to a parishioner who does these campaigns. Mark brought up how it might look to start the campaign when we have property that could be sold. This will be considered as we look at a possible campaign.

2. Realm Update (Justin)

- a. The giving portion has been moved from ACS to Realm; however, the calendar still needs to be moved. Groups also still need to be moved. The schedule is for the choir to be moved first followed by the Vestry.
- b. There is no rollout date yet but it is hoped to be done for the fall season.

3. Personnel Update (Nikki)

a. Deacon

- 1. Deacon Elise is still experiencing health challenges with her heart and will not be returning to St. Boniface. Nikki will announce this on Sunday. Nikki said she will be talking to the Bishop about getting another Deacon.

b. Assistant Clergy Position

- 1. Nikki has reached out to Canon Norman regarding any open positions but, as we know, there are more positions open than there are available priests.

4. Diocesan Insurance Update (Justin)

- a. There will be a virtual town hall to discuss the 2 insurance options available. They are the Church Insurance Company we currently use and Brown & Brown. The diocese has provided a tool for comparing what each has to offer. Any questions we have will be forwarded to Canon Booher for answers.
- b. Our decision is needed by June 30th.

C. New Business

1. Jr. Warden Report (Mark)

- a. Trudi provided an update on the landscaping being done. We are looking for a simple clean look and eliminating as much grass as possible. She provided some preliminary sketches to give us an idea of the look. The funds for these improvements will be reimbursed by a parishioner. She is obtaining quotes for the vestry to approve.
- b. Mark reported that the lights in front are not working due to a problem with a pole which will require a lift to fix.
- c. A special exhaust hood is required in the kitchen and Mark has found a source; however, they are expensive. The dishwasher is not working but it is not worth fixing. A discussion followed about whether a stove is even needed if it is a catering kitchen only and whether a catering kitchen would have a dishwasher. Mark will check with Kay regarding this. The vestry did approve removing the stove since it is a catering kitchen. This will eliminate the need for the exhaust hood.

2. Relationship with St. Margaret of Scotland Church (Nikki)

The Bishop has asked Nikki to meet with their Senior Warden to discuss ways we can assist them as they cannot afford a full-time priest. A covenant model where we are a partner is one possibility. Some of the possible ways to assist are by helping them to increase their revenue, helping with stewardship, and help from retired clergy or sharing assistant clergy.

D. Other Business / Announcements

1. Carol said she was asked about having a Ministry Fair but feels that it should be done by the ministry leaders. Questions were raised about how effective the fair has been and that perhaps it should be reimagined or presented in a new way.

2. Pastoral Care group

This group, comprised of Kay, Donna, Ann and Cass, are looking for ways to do more for parishioners.

Vestry minute (two) topics and presenter

Cass will speak about the landscaping improvements and future plans. Bob will give an update on the litigation.

Post-meeting evaluation: One Word Checkout

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Alden, Clerk of the Vestry

Calendar Items:

- 5/22, 6pm: Candlelight Concert -The Best of Bridgerton
- 5/24: Pentecost (Wear red!)
- 5/27, 5:30pm: Wednesday Worship and Potluck
- 6/7, 11:15am: Welcome and Training for Altar Team
- 6/10, 5:30pm: Wednesday Worship and Potluck
- 6/13, 6:15pm & 8:30pm: Candlelight Concerts - Mozart vs. Beethoven & Coldplay & Imagine Dragons
- 6/18: 5:30pm June Vestry Meeting