St. Barnabas Episcopal Church • Bainbridge Island, WA April 26, 2020 Minutes of the Vestry Regular Meeting by Zoom Teleconference

Vestry Members Present

Will Nickum, *Sr. Warden*; Rosalys Peel, *Jr. Warden for the People*; Randy Krause, *Jr. Warden for Buildings & Grounds*; Angie Bickerton; Kirk Eichenberger; Linda Maxson; and David Teves

Vestry Members Absent

Carolyne Myers

Others Present

The Rev. Karen Haig, *Rector*; Michael Killion, *Treasurer*; Katherine Bolles, *Chancellor*; Rebecca Ditmore, *Clerk*

Call to Order: 1:06 p.m.

ItemTopicSpeaker1. Opening PrayerCarolyne via
Will Nickum

2. Approval of Agenda

Will

Motion: Approve the meeting agenda. MSP

3. Approval of Minutes from 3/22/20 Meeting

Will

➤ Motion: Approve the minutes. MSP

4. Reports

4.1 Treasurer's Report

Michael Killion

YTD, we are okay. Our March performance is down based on income from the plate, pledges, and rentals. Projections show a decline in the second quarter due to continued isolation. April plate income has increased to match the budget. The Discretionary Fund is being used as needed. A pro forma budget has been prepared and there was a request to share that at next month's meeting. Rev. Karen reminded the vestry that there is likely to be some diocese assessment relief for a couple of months, depending on what the diocese decides. Mike Killion, Rev. Karen, and the vestry expressed gratitude to Julie Houck for all her assistance in preparing reports and her work on the SBA loan applications. The PPP loan request to cover salary and utilities is moving forward through HomeStreet Bank.

➤ Motion: Accept the report. **MSP**

4.2 Building & Grounds

Randy Krause

April's main project was repairing the radiant floor water leak in the sanctuary. The job was well executed and beautifully finished. Great pains were taken by Sexton Tom

Clark to minimize the amount of dust released in order to preserve the integrity of the organ. Thanks were expressed to Tom and Rev. Karen for quickly resolving the problem while functioning under pandemic rules. There was also an issue with the fire alarm which has also now been corrected by the alarm company.

4.3 People's Warden Report

Rosalys Peel

There is an occasional challenge for supper clubs getting together among people who are technologically challenged. Rev. Karen encourages people to keep working to reconnect and to not let technology prevent interaction. The virtual coffee hour was praised as a success and people are encouraged to attend.

4.4 Stewardship Report—Second Vestry Letter

Linda Maxon

The committee believes it is time for another letter from the vestry, with the goal of continuing to build and strengthen relationships through fulfilling the spiritual and physical needs of the congregation, while honestly sharing where we are as a church. Linda will present a draft of the letter for the vestry to review. The vestry believes the Stewardship Committee has been ably addressing the needs of the church and discretionary fund in the weekly St Barnabas email blast and thanks the committee for their continued work.

4.5 Day School Rev. Karen Haig

The day school continues to be closed. There is currently some difficulty processing tours with potential students and their families for the fall due to pandemic restrictions. A commitment was made by the Finance Committee to pay salaries through the end of the school year (June 15), when teacher contracts expire. Rev. Karen would like a commitment from the vestry to pay these salaries. This commitment will be discussed at next month's vestry meeting.

4.6 Rector's Report

Rev. Karen

A written report was submitted and read by vestry members. No comments were submitted. Vestry members are encouraged to contact staff members to relay their thanks for the good work staff is doing during this difficult time.

5. New Business

- **5.1. SBA Loan Status:** It appears that HomeStreet Bank is in support of our PPP application, which is complete and in their pipeline. An account has been opened there, and the bank's local staff support has been excellent; we will wait to hear from them as to the status of the loan. It was explained by the chancellor that if it is decided to eventually move all banking accounts to HomeStreet Bank (or any other banking entity), a vestry vote will be required.
- **5.2.** How will it be post-pandemic? There are many questions to be answered. Rev. Karen is grateful that we are in good hands with Bishop Rickel and his staff as they help the diocese and churches maneuver through this time. Details are evolving

and many things are being considered; it will take time to solidify plans. Vestry members are encouraged to email Rev. Karen with ideas, which she will compile.

6. Chancellor's Report

Katherine Bolles

The chancellor has been working with Julie to follow through on the steps to change the legal name of the organization with state and federal offices, as required.

7. Closing Prayer

Carolyne via Will

8. Adjournment

Will

Motion: to Adjourn MSP 2:42 p.m. MSP

9. The next meeting is May 17, 2020 at 1 p.m.

Faithfully submitted, Rebecca Ditmore St. Barnabas Vestry Clerk