

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church • Bainbridge Island, WA
August 21, 2022 Minutes of the Vestry Regular Meeting by Zoom Teleconference

Vestry Members Present—Barbara Bolles, *Sr. Warden*; Steve Schmitz, *Junior Warden for the People*; Brian Andvik, *Jr. Warden for Buildings and Grounds*; Laura Bainbridge; Angie Bickerton; Michael Ditmore; Judith Hanna; Claire Hicks

Vestry Members Absent—Kirk Eichenberger
On Sabbatical—The Rev. Karen Haig

Others Present—Mike Killion, *Treasurer*; Katherine Bolles, *Chancellor*; Rebecca Ditmore, *Clerk*

Call to Order: 12:33 p.m.

<i>Item</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Speaker</i>
1.	Opening Prayer	<i>Steve Schmitz</i>
2.	Approval of Agenda	<i>Barbara Bolles</i>
➤	Motion: Approve the meeting agenda. MSP	
3.	Approval of Minutes from July 17, 2022, Meeting	<i>Barbara</i>
➤	Motion: Approve the minutes. MSP	
4.	Old Business	
4.1	Bishop's Visitation 10/16/22	<i>Barbara</i>
	It was suggested that the following would be discussed with the bishop: How do we—and does the diocese help us—manage transitions: returning from covid (rebuilding ministries), returning to two services, continuing/improving hybrid worship, offering hybrid fellowship and formation—by definition with fewer persons physically present to operate services and events), and lay and clergy church. How can we help take the load off Rev. Karen, and in what way can the diocese be helpful in that process?	
4.2	Interium Update	<i>Steve</i>
	The memorial plaque has been ordered from Matthews Associates. It will match the existing pieces. The memorial plaque will cost approximately \$8K; the frame, \$4,500; with the total reaching approximately \$12,500. The memorial plaque will arrive at Rory's Custom Fabrication (who is building the frame) and they will mount it and bring it to the church for installation. Steve will pass the contact information on to Brian, who will present for the install, collaborating with the sexton, Tom Clark.	
4.3	Parishioner Contact Efforts	<i>Barbara</i>
	Contact was made with several people and messages were left by phone or by letter. A number of parishioners have been contacted and the vestry was thanked for their efforts. Vestry members will be sent names of those yet to be contacted.	
4.4	Plan Your Service Update—10/15/22	<i>Barbara</i>

We are still waiting to hear if the bishop will be able to attend this. Once that is confirmed, we will arrange the meeting. Claire will be out of town and offered her home as a potential location for the bishop to stay overnight. Further details to come.

4.5 Senior Warden Initiatives Update

Barbara

Photo Wall Cera has been working on printing the photos and it looks wonderful! Vestry members who have not sent their photos in were encouraged to email them to the church at info@stbbi.org.

Coffee Hour It was requested that someone walk around during the Sunday, August 28 Ice Cream Sunday and take names of people who would help for future coffee hours; Claire volunteered to do this. It was recommended that we continue to do coffee hour between the services during the first Sunday of the month, and it was suggested that we consider just two coffee hours a month, for example the first and third Sundays.

5. New Business

5.1 Maggie Ball Bequest

Barbara/Kathy Bolles

We have received notice that we have been named the beneficiary of Maggie Ball's IRA (35% unrestricted, 15% for the music program, and 50% for the Mongolian project). The chancellor reminded everyone that a resolution has to be passed to accept this bequest. The acceptance is not time sensitive, but delays affect the receipt of the funds. The resolution states that the person named as the corporate authorized signer has the authority to transact all the business relating to the account (on behalf of St. Barnabas). Ameriprise will open an account for St. Barnabas which will then be liquidated, and they will send us a check. The 50% portion of the fund would be disbursed by St. Barnabas to the Mongolian project, with the remainder of the funds disbursed as directed.

- Motion: Accept the bequest as restricted. **MSP**
- Motion: Approve the Ameriprise resolution as presented and authorize the senior warden and clerk to execute all necessary and appropriate documents to receive the gift and liquidate the account. **MSP**

5.2 Other Ministry Updates

All

Outreach continues to function, and the congregation can anticipate two campaigns this fall: Chaplains on the Harbor and Helpline House (both being food focused). Caring Community continues to serve, led by Deacon Dan, who was thanked for his amazing efforts. The Worship Committee hasn't met but is concerned about supporting two Sunday services on a regular basis (instead of once a month) moving forward; acolyte scheduling was not possible during the summer. The Welcome Table will be revived with coffee hour. There has been interest in starting a Creation Care/Earth Ministry to address how we handle things in-house and then bring that further into the community, showing justice to the earth and all people. This and other parishioner initiatives will be discussed with Rev. Karen when she returns.

5.3 Writing for Constant Contact for Liaison Ministries

Barbara

As liaison or leader, please send Cera an article for the newsletter on how things are going for your committee/ministry.

5.4 End of Sabbatical Planning

Kirk/Mike Killion

Please feel free to email Barbara about anything you would like to see on a prayer flag, and/or create one during Ice Cream Sunday.

6.0 Reports

6.1 Treasurer's Report

Mike Killion

Typically the summer months have less pledging come in, but total income for July is very close to budget. We have a small gain overall based on July's performance. Fund balance is up due to market performance, but it looks like there will likely be a budget deficit in December, with expenses exceeding income. Mike is puzzling over why wages would be unexpectedly higher than budget. Mike Killion was thanked for his perseverance in working under less than ideal circumstances.

- Motion: Accept the treasurer's report. **MSP**

7. Parish Chancellor Update

Kathy Bolles

The chancellor had no update but reported that she is always available to answer questions.

8. Action Items

- Steve will send the Rory's contact information to Brian for the interium installation.
- Barbara will resend email with updated parishioner contacts.
- Claire volunteered to carry a clipboard at the Ice Cream Sunday to sign people up for coffee hour help.
- Laura will send out a request for acolyte signups now for a schedule starting in the fall, on or after Homecoming Sunday.
- If you are involved with a committee as chair or liaison, please provide Cera with an article for the weekly newsletter.
- All: Email Barbara with ideas for prayer flags. Include photos, text, or drawings.

9. Closing Prayer

Steve Schmitz

10. Adjournment

Barbara

- Motion: to Adjourn at 2:28 p.m. **MSP**

Faithfully submitted,



Rebecca Ditmore
St. Barnabas Vestry Clerk