

Bethesda Episcopal Church  
Saratoga Springs NY

Minutes: Vestry Meeting  
Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Vestry  
Mark Claverie (Excused)  
Darren Miller  
Mary Withington  
Geoff Delbridge (Excused)  
Gordon Boyd  
Catherine Berheide  
Mark Griffin  
Jane Agee  
Geneva Henderson (Excused)  
Sara Manny

Clergy  
Dean Marshall J. Vang, Interim Rector  
Peter Sweeney, Deacon

Treasurer

Anne Van Acker

Call to order: Dean Vang called to order the regular meeting of the Bethesda Episcopal Church Vestry at 7:00 PM on October 28, 2015 at the Parish House on Washington Street.

Devotions: Mrs. Manny began the meeting with devotions.

Previous meeting minutes: Mrs. Manny moved that minutes from the previous meeting be accepted, seconded by Ms Withington, unanimously approved.

Vacated Vestry Position Thru 2017: Mr. Miller made a motion to elect Denise Limoli ([dlimoli@skidmore.edu](mailto:dlimoli@skidmore.edu)) to finish the term of the position that was vacated by Paul Ruzicka. The motion was seconded by Ms. Withington and passed unanimously.

Financial Report: Ms. Van Acker presented the financial report. Expenses are lower than last year. Donations are down year to date by 8%. Work on next year's budget is underway; any suggestions or comments are welcome. Dean Vang has decided that the purchase of new Hymnals will be funded via the Griffith fund. Ms. Van Acker reports that our assessment came in at \$51,308.

Vote for allocation of Assessment proceeds: A motion was made by Ms. Withington to allocate 100% of the proceeds of our assessment to the National Church. The motion was seconded by Ms. Berheide and all in favor.

Deacon's Report: Mr. Sweeny went to a Deacon Retreat at CTK. Bishop Love is back from his sabbatical. Confirmation classes continue (21 of 27 completed). The Deacon continues to make visits to Wesley. Mary Eddie's Birthday is upon us and we will hand deliver birthday cards.

Interim Rector's Report: Dean Vang will personally approach some of our biggest donors as we announce the findings of the ECF report at the Congregational Meeting on Thursday November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Jr Warden's Report: A discussion about changing insurance to the National Church. A motion was made by Ms. Berheide to change insurance to the National Church. The motion was seconded by Mr Boyd and all were in favor.

Expenses: Mr. Miller moved that Dean Vang's expenses for the month be approved. Mr. Griffin seconded the motion and all were in favor.

ECF Report The ECF report for the capitol campaign for the New Parish House will be presented to the congregation on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Building Committee: Mr. Boyd reported on the potential tenants that we are negotiating with for the NPH. There was discussion about the possibility of funding in the form of grants.

Blood Drive With the American Red Cross: The Blood Drive is to be held at Bethesda House on Halloween October 31<sup>st</sup>. Posters were handed out to Vestry members to place around the community.

Dean Vang's 41<sup>st</sup> year: It was noted that Dean Vang is celebrating his 41<sup>st</sup> year in the priesthood.

Closing: Mr. Boyd moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Manny seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Vestry will be on Sunday November 22 at 1:00 PM