

Bethesda Episcopal Church
Saratoga Springs NY

Minutes: Vestry Meeting
Wednesday October 18, 2017

Vestry
Mark Claverie
Darren Miller
Steven Rucker
Gordon Boyd
Catherine Berheide (excused)
Mark Griffin
Jane Agee (excused)
Field Horne
Sara Manny
Mayumi Kato
Pam Houde

Clergy
Dean Marshall J. Vang, Interim Rector

Clerk
Geneva Henderson

Treasurer
John Van der Veer

Call to order: Dean Vang called to order the regular meeting of the Bethesda Episcopal Church Vestry at 7:00 PM on October 18, 2017.

Devotions: Manny began the meeting with devotions.

Previous meeting minutes: Manny moved to accept the minutes from the previous meeting, seconded by Claverie, unanimously approved.

Interim Rector's Report: November 5 there will be five babies baptized and five children receiving Holy Communion. Vang submitted Agee's photo of Christmas at Bethesda to the Albany Episcopalian in hopes that it'll get the front cover. Office situation is working out with Vang and Farrell each working from home and meeting every Wednesday for a half hour. Landon's schedule should allow him to come home more frequently this semester. Landon will offer a presentation about his mission trips on Dec 14th at 7 in the church.

Wardens' Report: Miller will be doing a vestry update at both services this coming Sunday. Will bring up that we need people to fill four upcoming vacancies on the Vestry and are looking for suggestions. We received a tax bill for the rectory which the town assessor is trying to get us to pay. Miller has prepared a new rector covenant based strongly on a version provided by Chip Strickland. Miller moved and Boyd seconded a motion to approve the rector covenant with the addition of a sentence referencing the parish's employee manual. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: SEE ATTACHED Henderson moved to approve the treasurer's report, Horne seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Building Committee: Bids remain about \$3,000,000 over budget. Boyd and Miller are going to meet separately with the architect and construction manager to come up with next steps. We are keeping an eye on the court case regarding Code Blue's current planned building to see if they might have interest in space in our building. This might interfere with any planned daycare but since no one has committed yet, we'll see what works out.

Parish Life: Houde has talked to the Baptist church about renting a room for a potluck supper and they seem happy to accommodate us (about \$100 to rent a room). Could do monthly or bimonthly.

Stewardship: We'll be starting a letter writing campaign for stewardship. Followed by three 5 minute schpiels through November from Vestry members. Rucker volunteered for Nov 12. Houde for 26th. Claverie for 19th.

New Business: Boyd – Contacted by SPAC director to ask about Orchestra of St. Luke's doing a concert in December. Adelphi Hotel people are asking for photos of the parish house in use back in the day.

Rector's Expenses: Miller moved to approve the rector's expenses for the month. Griffin seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Closing: Henderson moved to adjourn the meeting. Manny seconded the motion which passed unanimously.