

# Bethesda Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting

Date: 7PM Aug 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Location: Skidmore College

Clergy: Dean Marshall J. Vang, Interim Rector

Clerk: Mayumi Kato

Treasurer: John Van der Veer

Assistant Treasurer: Jamie Piraino

Vestry: Darren Miller, Catherine Berheide, Steven Rucker, Pam Houde, John Huppuch,  
Field Horne, Sara Manny, Ann Bullock, Marcia MacDonald

Call to order: Father Vang called to order the regular meeting of the Bethesda Episcopal Church Vestry at 7:00 PM on Aug 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at Skidmore College, Tisch Building, Room 208

1. Devotions
  - S. Manny began the meeting with devotions
2. Minutes of July meeting
  - Minutes of July was sent out via E-mail in prior to this meeting for Vestry members to review. J. Huppuch moved to accept those, seconded by J. Van der Veer, unanimously approved.
3. Interim Rector's Report: Father Vang
  - We have encountered a man who has become a problem near Bethesda in the past several weeks. We discussed about the safety and security especially for the staff working at the office.
  - Regarding to same-sex marriage resolution, Bishop Love called for a special meeting of clergy within the Episcopal Diocese of Albany on Sept. 6 at the church's Christ the King Center in Greenwich.
4. Churchwarden's Report: D. Miller & C. Berheide
  - Bethesda plans to collaborate with several organizations towards providing housing, meals, and counseling services in new Bethesda Parish House/Community Center. We hear a lot of interest in our project especially from those who visit Saratoga during summer.
  - As Bonacio Construction Inc. expressed their desire to terminate the contract with Bethesda for new Bethesda Parish House/Community Center, we are going to send contract termination letter as advised by our attorney. J. Van der Veer moved to accept the motion and S. Manny seconded which passed unanimously.
  - D. Miller moved to accept adding J. Van der Veer as a co-signer of the check and M. MacDonald seconded which passed unanimously.

- C. Berheide moved to accept Rector's Expenses, S. Manny seconded which passed unanimously.
- Bethesda History book arrived. Those will be distributed after each of the Sunday services next several weeks. We plan to have book launch party.
- Next Rector Search meeting will be held on Tuesday August 28<sup>th</sup> at Skidmore College.

5. Treasurer's Report: J. Van der Veer & J. Piraino

- Profit & Loss -Budget vs. Actual July 2018 was reviewed
- D. Miller reviewed the problems with missing payments to the retirement funds of our lay employees. Making those payments will be the highest priority in our financial plan for the next few months. D. Miller moved the motion to accept and seconded by P. Houde, unanimously approved.

6. Commission Reports

- Communications: F. Horne
  - Next Newsletter will be sent out in August
- Parish Life: P. Houde
  - Thank you note will be sent to those who came to Garden Party at Saratoga Golf and Polo Club held on July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
  - Farrell's Organ Concert will be held at 2:30PM on Oct 7th followed by Even Song and then the cocktail reception at First Baptist Church
- Property Management: S. Rucker
  - We are going to obtain the estimate for how much it would cost to fix the damaged area near the roof of the church.
  - We plan to improve large West Doors of the church. The Goals of the project include the following priorities: Code Compliance, Casket access, Visibility of the church interior, and Historic values.
- Stewardship
  - Vestry discussed upcoming stewardship campaign. J. Piraino will lead the sub-committee team (S. Manny, P. Houde, M. Kato and J. Piraino)

7. Continuing/ New Business

- Those wishing to participate in FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION and HOLY CONFIRMATION CLASSES need to register on Sunday, September 9, immediately following the 10 am Eucharist.

8. C. Berheide has moved, and D. Miller has seconded a motion that we sell an old organ which is in the church basement for \$200. This is a huge fire hazard in the basement. 11 out of 12 voting. Results: 11 yes, 0 no

9. Blessing & Adjournment

- C. Berheide moved to adjourn the meeting, J. Van der Veer seconded the motion which passed unanimously