

Convert to .pdfBethesda Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting

May 15, 2019 Skidmore College

Attendance: Dean Marshall J. Vang, Interim Rector
Darren Miller, Senior Warden
Kate Berheide, Junior Warden
John Van der Veer, Treasurer
Mayumi Kato, Assistant Treasurer
John Huppuch and Boomer
Marcia MacDonald
Steven Rucker
Pam Houde
Field Horne
Sarah Manny
Ann Bullock, Clerk

Opening

The regular meeting of the Bethesda Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting was called to order in Room 208, Tisch Building, Skidmore College by Fr. Vang.

Devotions:

John Huppuch and Boomer offered devotions.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of April 24, 2019, were unanimously approved. (F. Horne, movant; S. Rucker, second)

Rector's Report:

No news on Bp Love situation;
Landon Moore graduates from Yale/Berkley on May 18, 2019; is discussing covenant with a Church in Brooklyn for a curacy; will not be released from his position in the diocese presently; graduation party June 2 in lieu of coffee hour;
Vacancies on Vestry still exist; no determination as to new members as yet;
Vestments are in need of replacement; the cost is estimated at \$1250 for a set (not silk brocade); recommendation that we consider other options for a better set from St Joseph's Abbey (the Holy Rood Guild) Takes several months to have them made and the Dean would like to have them by Sept.
Need a parish update. Perhaps Sunday, June 2. Darren will prepare.
Are there any young people graduating?

Churchwarden's Report:

Senior Warden: D Miller

In order to comply with requirements of the grant applications for the roof repair, Church has to meet minority- and women-owned business standards. Motion that we approve standards. (D. Miller, movant; F. Horne, second; approved unanimously.)

Architect's fees are likely to increase for Mercy House design and drawings; although percentage of project billed will decrease as the cost of the project increases. Motion to authorize Endowment Committee to pay increased architect's fees. K. Berhheide, movant; J. vanderVeer, second; passed unanimously.)

Making progress in finding tenants for the fourth floor of Mercy House: working to revise LOI with Dept of Social Services for winter housing reimbursed by the County. Library Board is supportive of project, as a location to which the homeless population gravitates during winter days.;

Code Blue/SOS is looking elsewhere for their housing, although we are in continuing conversation with SOS in order to keep options of their clients considering using our facilities/services.

UPH is supportive, as is Proctor's, through Philip Morris. Toby Milde has been out of touch recently;

Discussion of In Our Name café: it is a "pop-up" installation within our space. They will be in residence when Church is not using the first-floor space. This café has raised questions and some concerns based on what has been reported in the news

BEST fundraiser Thursday, July 18 for breakfast at the Track is of interest as BEST is a Mercy House partner.

Junior Warden: C. Berheide:

Tisch Building is to be renovated this summer. Not sure of prospect for meeting space June, July, August.

Barbara at office is affected by the quality of the air at Baptist Church. Mold in the Baptist Office. She has gotten an air purifier which is a limited stopgap. Will need to have something in place by winter.

Worse news: Mold in our basement and asbestos is very bad—would be expensive to address. Per J van der Veer the cost is estimated to be \$45,535 to remediate our undercroft. There are asbestos floor tiles—Property Management Committee to evaluate the condition of the tiles and mold remediation requirements. Air quality testing may be authorized. Motion to spend up to \$1000 on air quality test (D. Miller, movant; S. Manny, second; unanimously passed.)

Does Roohan have available space? Is there available space in the old Niagara Mohawk building? J Van Der Veer reported that the NiMo building is currently full; the old YMCA building is currently vacant (owned by Bruce Levinsky)

F. Horne to contact Jason Thomas at Roohan Realty to explore possible other office space.

Search Process: F. Horne has checked references for one candidate and is doing the others. C. Berheide and P Houde will be making visit(s).

Treasurer's Report: J. Vander Veer:

J. VanderVeer sent report with M. Kato's graphics. April 2019 income \$1600 over budget; expenses were \$1578 over budget, largely on account of insurance. We are running very close to budget.

P&P below budget Jan to April by \$4100— believed to be weather related. Expenses are right in line with budget.

Very strong Easter Week income and good attendance.

Profit Loss very nearly in-line with 2018; expenses are also in line with 2018

Sad to report that Mayumi Kato, asst Treasurer, is leaving the area, but all wish her well in her new position. Godspeed, Mayumi!

Recommend that budget and attendance information be reported monthly in the church bulletin.

C. Berheide requested clarification concerning the Weidemann expenses for church school expenses: snacks and staff are monthly costs to be charged against the Weidemann fund.

Nomination of Sarah Manny as assistant treasurer: J Van Der Veer, movant; D. Miller second, unanimously approved with gratitude. Sarah has been a check signer; need to replace Sarah. S. Rucker is willing to serve as a check signer.

Motion to approve rector's expenses: C. Berheide , Movant; J. Huppuch , second; approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Christian Education: S Manny:

Meeting with Corinna Stampalia about end of the year plans. End of the church year is June 16, 2019.

Vacation Bible School to be considered with Doris Seagrave at Baptist Church.

Parish Life: P. Houde:

Many thanks for the reception for Easter Lessons and Carols. It was well-attended and recommendation that this Service be continued. (Dean Vang reports that Bethesda is the only church north of the Hudson River with a significant church music program.)

Garden Party is July 22; earlier in the season than usual on account of Track season shift.

Property Management: S Rucker:

June Work Day: June 8, 2019.

Continuing Business:

Front Doors:

F. Horne reported that renovation/re-configuration of the doors is estimated to be \$75,000 based on the architect's plans. F. Horne started over and reconsidered how to accomplish this less expensively. Will have to be approved by preservationists, but cost looks like it could be more nearly \$25,000. Gordon Boyd is concerned that City Design Review Commission may need to approve.

Burke Funeral Home is still willing to make donation. Hope to have estimate by mid-June.

Consideration of use of the income from the Garden Party fund-raiser.

New Business: none

Blessing and Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by motion of F. Horne, movant; second by D. Miler .
Passed unanimously at 8:25pm.

Blessing by Fr. Vang

Respectfully submitted by:

Ann Bullock, Clerk