

Bethesda Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting approved 3.16

**February 15, 2023
Saratoga Springs**

The meeting was held at the church offices, 178 Elm Street, Saratoga Springs.

Attendance: Fr. Charles Wallace, Priest in Charge
Sara Manny, Senior Warden
Mark Claverie, Junior Warden
Karen Finkbeiner, Treasurer
Timothy Holmes, Clerk
David Harper
Marge Verrigni

Absent Laura Kszan, David MacVane, Holly Sofarelli; Marcia MacDonald; Rick Wissler

Also present: Mary Withington

Opening Prayer

The regular meeting of the Bethesda Episcopal Church Vestry was called to order at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, by Fr. Wallace.

Devotions:

Fr. Wallace offered devotions.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of January 11, 2023, were unanimously approved as corrected. (K Finkbeiner, movant; M Claverie, second)

Priest-in-Charge Remarks:

Fr. Wallace welcomed the members. The new members introduced themselves.

Report - Mary Withington gave an update on the Homes of the Good Shepherd.

Churchwardens' Report:

Senior Warden: S Manny

Several good suggestions were received at the Annual Meeting, such as a How-to guide for new Vestry members, and encouragement of Church school.

Junior Warden: M Claverie

Plans are in progress to continue work on the HVAC system and improve the sprinklers in the bell tower.

Negotiations have advanced on a proposal from Bonacio Construction to lease the side lot of the church building as a support space for vehicles and equipment during construction at the Adelphi site. Bonacio would pay Bethesda \$25,000 for 10 months use of the lot, with (pro rata)

6 month renewals if mutually consented. The surface would be stabilized with stone while in use and restored when finished. Timeframe to begin straightaway with completion estimated mid-2024.

A motion (K Finkbeiner, D Harper) to approve the above terms was unanimously adopted.

Treasurer's Report: K Finkbeiner, Treasurer

K Finkbeiner sent report noting that as is typical of January, the main differences vs the Budget (and Year to Year) are timing items: we create the monthly budgets based on prior year history, and this year had different timing on some items - either the item hit last December or in February - and it shows as a budget variance for January. The church uses modified Cash basis for accounting, so both expense and income can show up in our reports on different timing than it might show for the Donor or the organization invoicing us for expense.

New Business: none

Next meeting: 15 March, 2023 at a location to be determined

Blessing and Adjournment

Blessing by Fr. Wallace

Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Timothy Holmes, Clerk