

Bethesda Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting

15 March, 2023
Saratoga Springs

The meeting was held at 3 Beacon Hill Drive, 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
Marcia MacDonald
Holly Sofarelli
Marge Verrigni
Rick Wissler

Absent Laura Kszan, David MacVane

Opening Prayer

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

Devotions:

Fr. Wallace offered devotions.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of February 15, 2023, were unanimously approved as distributed. (Karen Finkbeiner, movant; Marcia MacDonald, second)

Priest-in-Charge Remarks:

Fr. Wallace gave an update on Home of the Good Shepherd, the Thursday course he is leading on the History of Christianity and planning for Holy Week.

Churchwardens' Report:

Senior Warden: S Manny reported that the leasing of the lot was finalized.

Junior Warden: M Claverie reported that the group using the lot is very cooperative. He reported that the HVAC system improvements are on schedule. He announced a Clean Up Day for 1st April, 9 to 11AM and hopes for a good turnout.

Treasurer's Report: K Finkbeiner, Treasurer

K Finkbeiner sent the report, noting As is typical this early in the year, the differences vs budget are almost all timing. In Expense, the timing differences reflect that we had budgeted more payments than we have actually made year to date for Benefits, building maintenance and insurance, and the full payment to our CPA. Please note that we have no aged invoices/late payments, so these timing differences are related to when we receive and pay the invoices. These timing differences tend to become less significant through the year, although they can occur any time.

In Income, we are well ahead of budget this year, as the processing of some year-end giving, particularly non-cash giving, causes those donations to show up in our report with a delay.

All that said, we have started the year well, and ignoring the items with timing issues within the expense details, there are no concerns with expense overruns at this time.

New Business: There was no new business.

Next meeting: 19 April, 2023 at 3 Beacon Hill Drive.

Blessing and Adjournment

Blessing by Fr. Wallace

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Holmes, Clerk