

## Bethesda Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting

19 April, 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  
David MacVane  
Holly Sofarelli  
Marge Verrigni  
Rick Wissler

**Absent** Laura Kszan

### Opening Prayer

The regular meeting of the Bethesda Episcopal Church Vestry was called to order at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, by Fr. Wallace.

### Devotions:

Fr. Wallace offered devotions.

### Approval of Minutes

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

### Priest-in-Charge Remarks:

Fr. Wallace reported that several newcomers have joined the church. He noted that in the summer recess of the choir some special music may be brought in and that sponsorship opportunities might be invited. Fr. Wallace suggested that the June Vestry meeting be an open one, following the regular 10 AM service on 25 June. Then the next meeting would be 20 September. The proposal was unanimously approved by Resolution (Holly Sofarelli, Marge Verigni).

### Churchwardens' Report:

**Senior Warden:** S Manny remarked that the Palm and Easter Sundays had been particularly moving and had met with special commendation. She urged all to be welcoming to newcomers and to encourage use of the signup form in the service program.

**Junior Warden:** M Claverie reported orderly progress for replacement of the HVAC system and for return of the clerestory windows. He reported a good turnout for and results of the Clean Up Day 1<sup>st</sup> April.

**Treasurer's Report:** K Finkbeiner, Treasurer

Expenses ran significantly under budget in 1Q23, however the majority of the underrun is driven by timing issues, such as the final billing from our CPA not arriving during 1Q. Most of these underruns will be gone by the end of 2Q23. The good news is that there are no expense lines that are significantly over budget.

Our Pledge and Plate Income continued to be well over budget due to the income that rolled over from the end of the year into the early months of this year. March as a month stand-alone had good, but not exceptional, P&P income. Please note that in the Other Operational income we have a \$25,000 entry, this is the Bonacio rental payment for use of the lot.

There are no delinquent bills on our Accounts Payable report, and very little current for April. Given our cash position we have no concerns with payables.

**New Business:** The possibility of a parish picnic was discussed.

**Next meeting:** 17 May, 2023 at 3 Beacon Hill Drive.

**Blessing and Adjournment**

Blessing by Fr. Wallace

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Holmes, Clerk