

**Bethesda Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting
17 March, 2024
Saratoga Springs**

The meeting was held at the church.

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

Regrets: David MacVane

Opening Prayer

Come Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us, the fire of your love. Amen.

The regular meeting of the Bethesda Episcopal Church Vestry was called to order at 11:20 AM on 17 March 2024, by Fr. Wallace.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 25 February 2024 were approved as distributed. (M Claverie, movant; M Verrigni, second)

Priest-in-Charge Remarks:

The Lenten instruction home study series has been a success. It is a good model to carry forward.

Fr Wallace will be away for a short time and the office closed for a few days in April but coverage of needs will continue.

Treasurer's Financial Report: K Finkbeiner, Treasurer

The Treasurer reported that overall expenses are running close to budget, underrunning on the Fees line which is not uncommon. We had another very good month of Giving in February, and as a result we have a small net Income at the end of February instead of the Deficit we usually have at this time of year.

<u>Operational Performance, Year to Date February 2024</u>			
<u>Expense</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Better/(Worse) than Budget</u>
Rector Expenses: <i>Wages, benefits, rectory maintenance</i>	22,349	23,490	(1,141) Benefits timing
Church Building <i>Utilities, Maintenance and Insurance</i>	10,987	9,036	1,951 Insurance timing
Programs not uniquely funded <i>Outreach, Organ, other</i>	268	882	(614)
Fees <i>Professional and credit card</i>	5,152	4,175	977 Organist, Bookkeeper
Office <i>Rent, Equipment, Supplies</i>	4,446	4,156	290
<i>Diocese Assessment</i>	9,240	9,240	-
Total Operational Expense	\$ 52,441	\$ 50,979	\$ 1,463
<u>Income</u>			
Pledge and Plate:	32,360	47,667	15,307
<i>Operation Expense over Pledge/plate by:</i>	<i>(20,082)</i>	<i>(3,312)</i>	
Other operational	1,000	1,750	Fuel, other
Total unrestricted Revenue	\$ 33,360	\$ 49,417	\$ 16,057
Total unrestricted with Div, Int	\$ 37,156	\$ 53,237	\$ 16,081
Operational Income/(deficit)	\$ (15,286)	\$ 2,259	\$ 17,544
<u>Non-Operational Expenses:</u>		<u>Non-Operational Income:</u>	
Choir \$ 4,010		Special Event Income	250
Christian Ed -		Choir	8,912
Altar Guild 120		Flowers/Altar guild	265
		Christian Educ	-
		Feb Env	1,204 Franklin Community Center

There was discussion of potential removal of pews and floor treatment. Action would begin after Easter.

Churchwardens' Report:

Junior Warden: M Claverie

Senior Warden reported a search for improvements to the flag mountings on the front of the church, and to the gutter / drainage situation on the east side of the building.

Senior Warden: S Manny

Senior warden reported that Sunday School would begin mid April with a six week session planned.

New Business: Fr Wallace updated research and report on organ system repair and improvement. A proposal will be coming to address essential and optimal treatments.

Next meeting: Fr Wallace: **Wednesday 17 April.** Senior Warden will chair.

Closing Prayer led by Fr Wallace.

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Meeting adjourned 12:05 PM

*Respectfully submitted,
Timothy Holmes, Clerk*