

These Amendments to the Bethesda Bylaws of 1/18/2017 were published in the Bethesda Bulletin of 1/23/23 and approved at the annual meeting on 1/29/23:

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CERTAIN BYLAWS OF BETHESDA EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK

On motion duly made and seconded at a meeting of the Vestry of Bethesda Episcopal Church, Saratoga Springs, New York (Article 13 of the Parish Bylaws reciting that “the Wardens, Treasurer and Clerk, together with the Rector, and the Vestrypersons shall constitute the Vestry of the Parish”) called for the following purposes and held on January 11, 2023, a quorum being present, the following Resolutions were unanimously approved by vote of the members of the Vestry present and voting at that meeting, at least three days’ notice of such meeting having been given to each member of the Vestry by the Rector in writing, either personally or by mail:

BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Vestry hereby recommends that Article 4, Section 4.2 of the Parish Bylaws, entitled “Vestrypersons,” which presently reads: “There shall be nine additional vestrypersons. Two or more members of the same household or family shall not serve concurrently on the Vestry,” be amended to read: “There shall be six additional vestrypersons (such six, the “At Large Vestrypersons” or the “Vestrypersons”). Wherever the capitalized term “Vestrypersons” appears in these Bylaws, it shall be deemed to refer to the At Large Vestrypersons. Two or more members of the same household or family shall not serve concurrently on the Vestry;”

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the Vestry hereby recommends that Article 5, Section 5.1 of the Parish Bylaws, entitled “Elections,” which presently reads:

“Officers and Vestrypersons shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Parish. Wardens, Treasurer, Clerk and Delegates shall hold office until the second Annual Meeting following their election. Vestrypersons shall hold office until the third Annual Meeting following their election. All shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualify.

At the Annual Meeting after which this Article takes effect, three Vestrypersons shall be elected to hold office for three years. Vestrypersons and Wardens elected prior to the adoption of these Bylaws [January 18, 2017] shall be considered valid and shall continue the terms to which they were originally elected;”

be amended to read:

“Officers (defined in Article 4, Section 4.1 of the Parish Bylaws as being comprised of two Wardens, a Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer if one is desired, and a Clerk) and Vestrypersons shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Parish. Wardens, Treasurer and Clerk shall hold office until the second Annual Meeting following their election, provided that in accordance with and in the manner prescribed in Section 45 of the N.Y. Religious Corporations Law (as such Section 45 has been amended from time to time) the terms of office of the two Wardens shall be staggered so that only one Warden shall be elected annually. Except as may otherwise be prescribed in said Section 45, or

if applicable, Section 44, of the N.Y. Religious Corporations Law (as such Sections 45 and 44 have been or may hereafter be amended from time to time) respecting the terms of office for which Vestrypersons are required to be elected at the first annual election following an Annual Meeting at which the Parish has determined to change the number of Vestrypersons, Vestrypersons shall hold office until the third Annual Meeting following their election. Officers and Vestrypersons shall all hold office until their successors are elected and qualify.”