

Bethesda Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting
16 October 2024
Saratoga Springs

The meeting was held at Marcia MacDonald's house which was called to order at 7:00 PM on October 16, 2024.

Attendance: Father Charles Wallace, Priest in Charge, Sara Manny, Sr. Warden, Karen Finkbeiner, Treasurer, Marcia Mac Donald, Holly Sofarelli, David Harper, Marge Verrigni

Regrets: Mark Claverie, Tim Holmes, David MacVane, Rick Wissler.

Opening prayer led by Father Wallace.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the Sept. 18th, 2024 were approved;(Sara Manny, movant, Holly Sofarelli, second)

Renew of Rectory Housing Allowance Resolution (all approved).

Treasurer's Report: September's special envelope went to Habitat for Humanity for \$995.

Audit was successful and sent back to the audit committee to get approval. Hard copy is at the office if anyone would like to see it. (Approved Holly Sofarelli, movant, Sara Manny, second).

Treasurer's report Approved: David Harper, movant, Sara Manny, second

Overall there is no change from the trends we have seen all year: expenses are running close to budget, and our Income is over budget due to large contributions early in the year.

Our Operational Expenses continue to exceed our Pledge and Plate income, but the Dividend income and net income from special events almost offset this shortfall.

Priest in Charge Remarks: Father Wallace reported there have been several Baptisms, 6 in the last 11 days.

There is still a search for someone to run the Children's program. The pageant has been scheduled for Dec. 15th.

The blessing of the animal's service was a success. The BBQ at the MacVane's farm was well attended (approx. 130). and was a huge success. Thank you to the MacVanes.

Senior Warden Report: Stewardship letter to be mailed the first week of November and a returned date by Dec. 1st. Letter will be the same format as the last stewardship. A fellowship meet and greet was discussed.

Junior Warden's Report: 1. Spoke with Peter Ganem yesterday afternoon. All masonry work has been done. The east side faux buttress has been thoroughly inspected and caulked. He and Waite believe this will address any ingress of water into the sanctuary. We are to advise if this does not address the problem. The galvanized lally columns will be delivered next week. They will notify us when they are on site.

2. Wheelchair lift maintenance was completed on October 3rd. No repairs were required. This should be done on an annual basis.

3. The heat switchover originally scheduled for October 15th has been rescheduled for October 22nd between 10:00 AM and noon. I will be present for the event. Derek advises that this should not interfere with the subsequent tuning of the organ.

4. Still waiting on proposals from Northeast Fire Protection Services for the standpipe replacement and from OnCall Plumbing for bathroom sink and sacristy work, both of whom have, within the past two days, promised proposals forthwith.

5. Perhaps the church office could begin to compile a list and calendar of the routine inspections, maintenance, switchovers, etc. that have to be done on a periodic basis. It's my understanding that such a schedule used to exist.

New Business: Church Christmas decorating will be Dec. 14th. A Vestry Christmas party is scheduled for Dec. 15th at Marcia MacDonald's house at 5 PM.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 17th after the 10 AM service in the church.

Closing prayer led by Father 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 at 8:10PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Verrigni, Acting Clerk