

**Bethesda Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting
23 February 2025
Saratoga Springs**

The meeting was held at the church.

Attendance: Fr. Charles Wallace, Priest in Charge

Sara Manny, Senior Warden

Rick Wissler, Junior Warden

Karen Finkbeiner, Treasurer

David Harper

Marcia MacDonald

Holly Sofarelli

Marge Verrigni

Timothy Holmes, Clerk

Regrets: David MacVane

Opening Prayer led by Fr Wallace

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 11:15 AM on 23 February 2025, at the church.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 19 January 2025 were approved as distributed. (K Finkbeiner, movant; S Manny, second)

Priest-in-Charge Remarks

Fr Wallace is rescheduling the Bishop's visit, regrettably postponed due to weather last week. The Ministry to children, youth and young families is active; an appointment in line with this purpose will be further developed with an interview process. A good rate of baptisms continues. Fr Wallace will take his annual leave of absence after Easter.

An attractive Lenten study series is in preparation. It will pair Bethesda with Christ Episcopal Church Ballston Spa. Details will appear in our Sunday Bulletin.

Treasurer's Report: K Finkbeiner, Treasurer

There were no surprises in expense, just a few timing differences between budget and actual often encountered at yearend. There was strong giving in January. Overall the year ended well. The special envelope for January realized \$768 and is going for heating fuel.

Operational Performance, January 2025

Expense	Budget	Actual	Better/(Worse) than Budget
Rector Expenses: <i>Wages, benefits, rectory maintenance</i>	10,685	11,452	(767)
Church Building <i>Utilities, Maintenance and Insurance</i>	3,265	6,500	(3,236) Insurance timing
Programs not uniquely funded <i>Outreach, Organ, other</i>	8	596	(588)
Fees <i>Professional and credit card</i>	2,115	2,448	(333)
Office <i>Rent, Equipment, Supplies</i>	2,062	1,782	280
Diocese Assessment	4,511	4,510	0
Total Operational Expense	\$ 22,646	\$ 27,288	\$ (4,642)
Income			
Pledge and Plate:	23,371	30,422	7,051
Pledge and plate over/(under) expense:	725	3,134	
Other operational	-	768	768 Fuel
Total unrestricted Income	\$ 23,371	\$ 31,190	\$ 7,819
Total unrestricted with Div, Int	\$ 23,826	\$ 31,270	\$ 7,444
Operational Income (Deficit)	\$ 1,180	\$ 3,982	\$ 2,802
<u>Non-Operational Expenses:</u>	<u>Non-Operational Income:</u>		
Special Events -	Special Event Income 250		
Choir 2,885	Choir		
Altar Guild 180	Flowers/Altar guild 280		
Christian Ed -	Christian Educ		
	Summer Music 1,200		

Junior Warden: R Wissler reported:

Organ tuning will occur in April.

The northeast doors refurbishment is nearly complete.

Repair of the grading on east side of the church building is in the planning.

Shannon Brown is being consulted as to best treatment for fencing the lot next the church building.

Senior Warden: S Manny reported glad that church school is going well.

Lenten study series preparations are being made. Attention will be given to response from the congregation and coordination with Christ Church in Ballston Spa.

Old Business / New Business There was general support for accepting possible donation of the former rectory as reported by David Harper to the Vestry recently. Mr Harper was requested to follow this opportunity.

There was discussion of the long anticipated outcome of work by the Charitable Aid Society / Home of the Good Shepherd to monetize some of the property managed by that Board. Mr Harper was requested with positive emphasis to gain an update and full insight into the history of pending negotiations.

Next meeting: At the church following Mass 23 March 2025.

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 12:10 PM

*Respectfully submitted,
Timothy Holmes, Clerk*