

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

The meeting was held at 3 Beacon Hill Drive.

Attendance: Sara Manny, Senior Warden
Rick Wissler, Junior Warden
David Harper
Marcia MacDonald
Marge Verrigni
Timothy Holmes, Clerk

Regrets: Fr. Charles Wallace, Rector; Karen Finkbeiner, David MacVane, Holly Sofarelli

Opening Prayer led by Sr Warden S Manny.

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 7:00 PM on 23 April 2025.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 23 March 2025 and of 13 April were approved as distributed. (D Harper, movant; M Verrigni, second)

Priest-in-Charge

Fr Wallace is traveling.

Treasurer's Report: Sr Warden S Manny reported for Treasurer K Finkbeiner.

Income is over budget and expenses under budget. A CD is maturing and the balance will be placed in a transaction account.

Junior Warden: R Wissler reported progress on facilities maintenance and receipt of correspondence regarding stonework.

The organ has been tuned.

Senior Warden: S Manny reported positive response from Field Horne for the project involving the former rectory building and that D Harper would be preparing descriptive paperwork and a contract.

Regarding Vestry officers, Sr Warden S Manny recommended appointment of an Assistant Treasurer to work alongside the Treasurer until her completion of term. Sr Warden was requested to reach out to a suitable candidate.

Sunday School is proceeding nicely.

Old Business / New Business

Following Vestry's affirmation of accepting the offer of the former rectory as reported in March, D Harper reported further success recruiting able talent within the parish. This includes expert advice in historic restoration, informed on our properties and helpful to find supportive resources. Mr Harper explained coordination of Bethesda with the Adelphi's municipal approvals process. He also reported active progress by our project manager and consulting planner researching the history of Bethesda and the old rectory building.

Mr Harper was encouraged to continue collecting information to assist the Charitable Aid Society / Home of the Good Shepherd Board in moving forward on its opportunities.

Next meeting: May 2025.

Closing Prayer led by Sr Warden S Manny

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 8:45 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Timothy Holmes, Clerk*