

Bethesda Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting
21 May 2025
Saratoga Springs

Attending: Sara Manny, Senior Warden
Rick Wissler, Junior Warden
Karen Finkbeiner
Holly Sofarelli
Marge Verrigni
Timothy Holmes, Clerk

Regrets: Fr. Charles Wallace, Rector; David Harper, Marcia MacDonald, David MacVane

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 the Elm Street offices, 7:05 PM on 21 May 2025.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 23 April 2025 were approved as distributed. (Holly Sofarelli , movant; M Verrigni, second)

Rector

Fr Wallace is traveling.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer K Finkbeiner reported that income continues over budget and we are in a positive income situation.

Operational Performance, Year to Date April 2025

Expense	Budget	Actual	Better/(Worse) than Budget	
Rector Expenses: <i>Wages, benefits, rectory maintenance</i>	44,202	43,571	631	
Church Building <i>Utilities, Maintenance and Insurance</i>	14,779	19,701	(4,922)	Ins, repair
Programs not uniquely funded <i>Outreach, Organ, other</i>	3,229	2,838	391	
Fees <i>Professional and credit card</i>	9,576	9,345	230	
Office <i>Rent, Equipment, Supplies</i>	7,701	8,038	(337)	
Diocese Assessment	18,042	18,041	1	
Total Operational Expense	\$ 97,528	\$ 101,534	\$ (4,006)	
Income				
Pledge and Plate:	92,644	105,249	12,605	Overage from
Pledge and plate over/(under) expense:	(4,884)	3,715		beginning of year
Other operational	-	1,568	1,568	Fuel
Total unrestricted Income	\$ 92,644	\$ 106,817	\$ 14,173	
Total unrestricted Income with Div, Int	\$ 100,135	\$ 114,927	\$ 14,793	
<u>Operational Income (Deficit)</u>	<u>\$ 2,606</u>	<u>\$ 13,393</u>	<u>\$ 10,787</u>	
Non-Operational Expenses:		Non-Operational Income:		
Special Events	-	Special Event Income	850	
Choir	12,340	Choir	9,610	Dividend Griffith
Altar Guild	656	Flowers/Altar guild	1,995	
Christian Ed	2,000	Christian Educ		
		Elements	200	
		Summer Music	1,200	
		Feb Env	495	Franklin Community Center
		Mar Env	644	Lifeworks Community action
		Apr Env	845	Parke music fund
		<i>Items in italics do not show in our financial statements once transferred, they are maintained in this list for information only.</i>		

Senior Warden: S Manny advised it is likely Fr Wallace will recommend omitting regular July and August Vestry meetings. The June meeting will be open form following service.

Junior Warden: R Wissler reported the HVAC has been switched on for summer mode. The church building passed fire inspection. Volunteers are generously mowing the lawns.

Old Business / New Business

The Vestry looks forward to learning latest progress on the former rectory acquisition project.

Next meeting: June 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 7:45 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Timothy Holmes, Clerk*