

Bethesda Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting
24 September 2025
Saratoga Springs

Attending: Fr. Charles Wallace, Rector
Sara Manny, Senior Warden
Rick Wissler, Junior Warden
Karen Finkbeiner
David Harper
Marcia MacDonald
David MacVane
Marge Verrigni
Timothy Holmes, Clerk
Regrets: Holly Sofarelli
Guest: Field Horne

The regular meeting of the Bethesda Episcopal Church Vestry was called to order at 3 Beacon Hill Drive, 7:00 PM on 24 September 2025.

Opening Prayer led by Fr. Charles Wallace

Come Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us, the fire of your love. Amen.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 24 June 2025 were approved as distributed. (R Wissler, movant; K Finkbeiner, second)

Field Horne gave an update on the rectory building project to report that architect's work was done, planning for approvals processes move smoothly with an estimated building move date of Spring 2026.

Rector

Fr Wallace expressed joy at 20 candidates planned to be received at the Bishop's visit. Fr Wallace also reported that Bethesda's representatives were ready for the Convention and identified the Vestry meeting schedule to Annual Meeting 2026.

Fr Wallace thanked David MacVane for his generosity in hosting the upcoming BBQ.

He further noted that the music program continues strong.

Warden's Reports

Senior Warden S Manny reported that Sunday School has resumed in good form, with director Roxanne Baugh in place.

Junior Warden Rick Wissler gave an update on building systems in the church.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer K Finkbeiner reported that operations continue with no deficit and that the August Special Offering envelope raised \$1,000 to be given to Wellspring.

Operational Performance, Year to Date August 2025			
	Budget	Actual	Better/(Worse) than Budget
Expense			
Rector Expenses: <i>Wages, benefits, rectory maintenance</i>	94,111	85,637	8,474 Benefits timing Rectory repair
Church Building <i>Utilities, Maintenance and Insurance</i>	24,923	33,052	(8,129) Maint, Utilities, Insurance
Programs not uniquely funded <i>Outreach, Organ, other</i>	3,967	5,734	(1,768) Repair to bell ringing control
Fees <i>Professional and credit card</i>	19,417	18,638	779
Office <i>Rent, Equipment, Supplies</i>	15,751	15,794	(44)
Diocese Assessment	36,084	36,083	1
Total Operational Expense	\$ 194,252	\$ 194,938	\$ (686)
Income			
Pledge and Plate: <i>182,453</i>	182,231		(223)
Pledge and plate over/(under) expense: <i>(11,799)</i>	(12,708)		
Other operational	-	1,568	1,568 Fuel
Total unrestricted Income	\$ 182,453	\$ 183,799	\$ 1,346
Total unrestricted Income with Div, Int	\$ 197,429	\$ 205,146	\$ 7,717
Operational Income (Deficit)	\$ 3,177	\$ 10,207	\$ 7,031
Non-Operational Expenses:	Non-Operational Income:		
Special Events 3,100	Special Event Income 5,800	Offsets summer music	
Choir 14,970	Choir 19,219	Dividend Griffith	
Altar Guild 956	Flowers/Altar guild 2,235		
Christian Ed 2,277	Christian Educ 77		
Summer musi 1,950	Elements 200		
	Summer Music 300	Less than expense	
	Parish History book 152		
	Feb Env 495	Franklin Community Center	
	Mar Env 644	Lifeworks Community action	
	Apr Env 845	Parke music fund	
	May Env 923	Beaver Cross scholarships	
	June Env 912	Habitat for Humanity	
	July Env 697	Racetrack Chaplaincy	
	Aug Env 1,024	Wellspring	
<i>Items in italics do not show in our financial statements once transferred, they are maintained in this list for information only.</i>			

Treasurer Finkbeiner recommended appointment of Peter Brooks as Assistant Treasurer. Mr Brooks is a financial professional and familiar with church finances. This appointment (K Finkbeiner movant, M Verigni, second) was voted unanimously. Mr Brooks will be invited to the October meeting.

There was no further Old Business and no New Business.

Next meeting: 22 October 2025.

Closing Prayer led by Fr. Charles 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 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted, *Timothy Holmes, Clerk*