

Annual Meeting: Bethesda Episcopal Church
9 February 2025
Held in the nave of the Church
Following 10am service

In attendance:

Priest in Charge
Senior Warden, S Manny
Junior Warden, M Claverie
Parishioners: 30

Opening Prayer & Greeting at 11:12 am:

Fr. Charles Wallace, Priest in Charge
T Holmes appointed Clerk of the Meeting

Rector's Report: Fr. Wallace

Fr Wallace reported congregational growth in terms of weekly attendance. Average attendance for 2024 was 104, up from 2023 at 102 and 2022 at 93. Continuous growth is thanks to the faithful commitment of a range of people. Fr Wallace noted significant improvement in finance, buildings and grounds, and education. He thanked the office stewards for their selfless volunteering and the other leaders. Special thanks to Mark Claverie for especially long Warden service due to end today. As reflected in our parish records, Fr Wallace reported that in 2024 the Pastoral Offices continued its service in baptisms, weddings and funerals. Prayers were offered.

Approval of Minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting:

Clerk of the Meeting Timothy Holmes noted a quorum in attendance and presented the Minutes of the Annual Meeting, 2024.
Motion to approve by: Mark Claverie, Second by: Libby Holmes
No further discussion. Unanimously Approved

Property Management Update

R Wissler presented the Buildings and Grounds Report 2024-25

Masonry Work: Stone masonry repairs to the Bethesda Church building were completed in October. These repairs included repointing and resetting stone at the bottom of a buttress on the east side of the building, rebuilding and repointing the bottom six courses of stone at the bottom of a buttress on the west side of the building and restoration of the back-up wall beneath eight courses of veneer stone to address and correct a bulge in the bell tower edifice. The work was completed with the oversight of the Church's architect to ensure that all work was done in a manner consistent with the historic character of the Church building.

Steel shoring: Due to extensive deterioration, thirteen support columns located in the extreme north end of the undercroft needed immediate replacement. This repair was completed in October by the installation of thirteen galvanized, adjustable steel shoring columns.

Fire Safety: In November, a new fire department connection (FDC) was installed to upgrade the connection to current standards. In December, a sprinkler inspection was performed and the system found in compliance.

Plumbing: In January, the sink in the lavatory off the narthex was replaced. The sacristy sink faucet was also repaired and upgraded by the installation of ball valve in the water supply line to the sink.

Northeast Side Door Hardware Repair: Replacement of the door hardware is scheduled for February 12th.

Fencing Around the Perimeter of the West Side Lot: the Church's architect is reviewing the City's Historic Preservation Design Guidelines and will provide us with some options.

Future matters: removal of sidewalk slabs and regrading on the east side of the church. Clean out of the undercroft.

Treasurer's Reports & 2024 Budget: Karen Finkbeiner, Treasurer

Treasurer Finkbeiner expressed satisfaction at 2024's positive end of year results, and hoped that the 2025 Budget would perform to similar effect.

Operational* Performance Full Year 2024

Expenses:	Actual	B/(W) Budg
Rector (incl Rectory)	\$ 129,338	\$ 4,229
Building and Programs	49,875	61
Office/Employees/fees	53,692	(1,120)
Diocese	55,440	-
Total Expense	\$ 288,345	\$ 3,170

Income

Pledge and Plate	\$ 297,273	\$ 15,549
Other unrestricted	1,210	210
Divs, Distributions and Int	20,994	3,717
Total Income	\$ 319,476	\$ 19,476

Net Income	\$ 31,131	\$ 22,646
-------------------	------------------	------------------

*Excludes items funded by special/designated giving

2025 Proposed Budget

Expenses:	Budget
Rector (incl Rectory)	\$ 140,490
Building and Programs	58,503
Office/Employee/fees	51973
Diocese	54126
Total Expense	\$ 305,093

Income:

Pledge and Plate	\$ 305,180
Dividends & distribution	22,359
Total Income	\$ 327,538

Net Income	\$ 22,446
-------------------	------------------

Senior Warden's Report: S Manny

1. Most important: Church school growing; youth initiative great talent.
2. New faces in church every Sunday made welcome by our greetings
3. There are Vestry members at both 8 and 10 AM services
4. It has been a pleasure and effective to work with Mark Claverie
5. Events expanding to further engage congregation members

Election S Manny presented the slate of candidates on behalf of the Nominating Committee. Additional nominations were invited from those in attendance.

2025 Nominees:

CHURCHWARDENS

SARA MANNY	SENIOR WARDEN
RICK WISSLER	JUNIOR WARDEN

VESTRY

MARCIA MACDONALD
HOLLY SOFARELLI

BETHESDA'S REPRESENTATIVES TO DIOCESAN MEETINGS

MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION

CHARLES MAZE
LYNNE PRIESTLY
CHURCHWARDEN ELECT
SARA MANNY, ALTERNATE

Nominations were opened at 12:10 pm

There being no other nominations, the slates for Vestry and Bethesda's representatives to Diocesan Meetings were moved. (Motion by Karen F, V Hinkle second) No further discussion. Unanimously approved.

S Manny noted that members of the Vestry stand ready to answer questions at any time.

Blessing & Adjournment: Fr. Wallace

Blessing offered and adjournment at 12:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Holmes, Clerk