

MINUTES OF THE SECOND ANNUAL MEETING  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MERCY HOUSE OF SARATOGA, INC.

The second annual meeting of the Board of Directors of Mercy House was held on the day and place set forth as follows:

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Date: February 1, 2021

Place: On Zoom

Present:

*Board Members:* Gordon Boyd, Mary Withington, Mark Claverie, Howard Nelson, Tom Remington, Mary Sanders Shartle, and Mark Griffin.

*Honored invited guests from the Vestry of Bethesda Episcopal Church:* The Reverend Charles Wallace; Darren Miller, and Karen Finkbeiner.

The annual meeting convened at 7:02 p.m.

MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the meeting minutes of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, be entered into the record. A motion made by Mary Sanders Shartle was seconded by Mark Claverie. All ayes, there was no one against. The minutes were approved.

Gordon Boyd, president, announced that the Bethesda Church Vestry has nominated Mark Griffin and Howard Nelson for full three-year terms. The Vestry resolution was unanimously approved at its regular meeting on January 20, 2021, and a certificate was provided to Gordon and to Secretary Shartle. As Chair of the Governance Committee, Gordon moved that we accept the nominations and elect Mark and Howard to three-year terms ending in January of 2024. Mark Claverie moved to accept. Mary Withington seconded. All ayes, no nays.

Gordon noted that several people outside the parish have expressed interest in being involved with Mercy House. We have the authority in our by-laws to have quite a few additional directors, but we should wait until funding is in place and construction begins.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gordon Boyd recognized Mark Claverie for the annual financial reports.

It was an uneventful year in terms of spending. Our big spending categories for 2020 were for liability insurance for Directors and Officers, but also builder's risk. Gordon added that we had a couple of months of coverage which we shared 50/50 with the parish. By October, when construction had not begun as we had thought, we notified the insurance agency, and they gave us a \$9000 credit which we also shared 50/50 with the parish. The agent at Rose and Kiernan, Matt Welch, and our accountant, Elaine Leach, and Gordon went over the policies in detail. The

builders risk policy will restart when we ask them to, but we currently have no carrying costs for that policy. We are still covered for Directors and Officers liability.

Mark said we are still continuing to pay rent on the Mercy House office at 43 Washington Street. We are still collecting mail there, but that is being changed over to the new parish office on Elm and Ash Street. Other than expenses for bookkeeping and accounting services, there was not much further activity to report.

A very generous donation came in before January 1<sup>st</sup> from Carol Simec, for the second year in a row. Last year her donation was added to the Garret Smith Fund with her approval. Mary Withington and Gordon have been working with Rolph Lawson and the family to design a fund for a lecture series on civil rights for LGBTQ people—a population that will be represented at Mercy House. Rolph and the family are very enthusiastic.

We also received small but meaningful contributions from Rose and Kiernan’s Friday casual dress fund. Their staff make Friday donations to the various non-profits they represent. We have realized about \$900-1000.

RESOLVED, that the Treasurer’s Report, December 31st, 2020. A motion was made by Howard Nelson to accept the financial report. Mary Withington seconded. All ayes, no nays.

Howard Nelson motioned to adjourn the Annual Meeting. Mary Withington seconded. All ayes, no dissents. The annual meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Mary Sanders Shartle, Secretary