

Bishop's Committee Minutes
Good Samaritan Episcopal Church
November 12, 2017

Present: The Rev. Gray Lesesne, Lara Dreyer, Tim Kerstein, Wendy Meaden, The Rev. Erin Hougland, Melinda Sowers, Barbie Russell

Regrets: Tom Gibbs

The Bishop's Committee convened at 12 noon. Gray presented the proposed agenda for the meeting and the group approved.

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the October 2017 meeting and Tim made a motion that the group approve them without amendment.

Treasurer's Report

Lara Dreyer and Melinda Sowers reported that account paperwork has been filed for Good Samaritan at Indiana Members Credit Union. We will fund the new account with the second installment of our grant from the Episcopal Church, which is expected soon. Gray, Lara, and Melinda agreed to work on a draft of written protocols for the new account and for accounting in general as we prepare to transition to handling our own books in 2018. Lara reviewed the latest budget update, as of October 31, 2017. Income continues to be higher than expenses.

Vicar's Report

Measures and Benchmarks as of November 8, 2017

- Number of people in "base": (completed Good Sam's 101 and considered solid): 142
- Number of newcomers (people in the pipeline yet to go through Good Sam's 101): 11
- Our average Sunday attendance has moved from 51.9 (as of week of September 18, 2016, after the launch) to 62.1 (as of week of January 12, 2017) to 73.5 (as of April 26, 2017) to 76.8 (as of June 12) to 76.1 (as of June 26) to 75.3 (as of August 21) to 76.4 (as of September 11) to 76.2 (as of September 25) to 77 (as of October 10) **to 78 (as of November 8)** .
- Average rolling monthly attendance (last 4 weeks): 88.25 (137, 88, 66, 62)
- 2017 Recorded Giving from Good Samaritan people (as of October 29): \$52,874. If current pattern were to continue, annual projected recorded giving would be approximately \$63,940 for 2017. This is an increase of \$26,674 from our 2017 projected giving of \$35,000.
- 2017 Unrecorded Giving from Good Samaritan people (Cash in Plate) to Date: \$3,868.00
- 2017 Nonmember Giving: \$4,990.00

Generosity Campaign

Gray and Erin reviewed the proposed format of a congregational generosity campaign to begin in January 2018. They would like to meet with a few key leadership givers (along with any Bishop's Committee members who wish to accompany) and ask them, along with Bishop's Committee Members, to make an advanced commitment in December 2018. Then, at the January 7, 2018 Annual Meeting, all will be invited to give. This will coincide with the announcement of proposed matching gifts of \$30,000 each from Trinity, Indianapolis, Christ Church Cathedral, Indianapolis, and St. Paul's, Indianapolis, for a potential total of \$90,000 for any pledges made and fulfilled in 2018. Lara expressed concerns that this not be the only stewardship "ask" for 2018, and wondered if gifts of talent and time will also be invited. Gray and Erin reviewed a proposed format for stewardship in all of 2018 that includes those areas. Gray agreed to bring draft materials for the generosity portion of stewardship to the next meeting.

Youth Minister Search Update

Gray is now waiting on the final background check for candidate Erina Ludwig to be cleared from the Diocese. He asked the Bishop's Committee for formal permission to hire her, effective whenever her background check clears. The Bishop's Committee approved unanimously.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee (consisting of Wendy Meaden, Tom Gibbs, and Gray Lesesne) presented the following slate for Bishop's Committee approval for election at the 2018 Annual Meeting:

- Bishop's Committee: Jason Addis and Kevin Samples (3 year terms)
- Diocesan Convention Delegates: Andrew Baum and Burnie Wilkins (1 year term)
- Diocesan Convention Alternates: Lara Dreyer and Karen Farmer (1 year term)

The Bishop's Committee approved unanimously.

With no further business, the Committee approved expenses and check authorizations and adjourned at 12:55 p.m.