

Good Samaritan Episcopal Church
Bishop's Committee Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2019, 11:30 a.m.

Present: The Rev. Gray Lesesne, Melinda Sowers, Lara Dreyer, Jason Addis, Erin Tanner, Ellen Burton, Tim Kerstein

Regrets: Kevin Samples

The Vicar called the Committee together at 11:30 a.m., and Ellen Burton graciously agreed to be the temporary clerk for this organizational meeting.

The minutes of the December 2018 meeting were approved unanimously.

The Bishop's Committee took a few moments to share our review of fellow Committee members' resumes. The group recognized a high level of education and achievement of all members, noted the variety of all talents, background and skills in the group, and reflected on how much contact and impact on world outside this church this group has.

Gray then led the group in an index card activity where each member shared their vision of what Good Samaritan's success would be both now and 10 years from now. This was a reflective exercise meant to show our different perspectives and to illuminate how each of us defines "success."

Bishop's Committee Orientation: Members then reviewed a packet of handouts that included congregational bylaws, canons, policy on alcohol, Bishop's Committee Member job description, 10 rules of respect for Bishop's Committee members, and Bishop's Committee norms and a planned calendar for agenda items for 2019.

The group agreed to continue to meet on third Sundays of the month from 11:30 a.m. until approximately 1:30 pm. Erin Tanner and Ellen Burton, the Committee's two new members, will shadow Lara Dreyer to learn Bishop's Committee Member on Duty Sunday routine.

The group also reviewed 2019 strategic planning work, with the goal of having three to five options (along with accurate costs) by the end of this year for how the congregation will proceed once our lease expires in August 2021. to think about people to nominate for the strategic planning work. Members agreed to think of people we would like to nominate for the strategic planning committee who are familiar with Good Samaritan and can think creatively and strategically.

Bishop's Committee members also agreed to choose a ministry area to serve as liaison. Gray will send out the chart of areas with the next meeting packet.

There was also brief discussion that, in addition to the strategic long-range planning, the congregation will likely need to address short-term issues of how we might increase capacity at our existing worship service as our attendance increases. Gray will invite Wendy Meaden, who oversees the worship life of the congregation, to join us in March or April to discuss current space needs.

Election of Officers: Father Gray notified the Committee of his intention to appoint Lara Dreyer as Senior Warden for a one-year term effective from this meeting until the next Annual Meeting. Jason Addis nominated Kevin Samples as Junior Warden for a one-year term effective from this meeting until the next Annual Meeting, which was seconded by Erin Tanner. He was elected unanimously and with thanks from the Committee. Jason Addis then nominated Melinda Sowers for a one-year term effective from this meeting until the next Annual Meeting, which Erin Tanner seconded. She was elected unanimously and with thanks from the Committee.

The role of Clerk was not filled at this meeting. Gray noted that he was prepared to ask Denise Young to serve as Clerk, and the Committee asked him to do so between this and the February meeting.

With no further business, the Committee adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ellen Burton