

Good Samaritan Episcopal Church
Bishop's Committee Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2019

Members Present: The Rev. Gray Lesesne, Jason Addis, Ellen Burton, David Huang, Kevin Samples, Melinda Sowers, Erin Tanner, Denise Young.

Father Gray called the meeting to order at 11:28am.

Check-ins: Bishop's Committee members spent a few minutes offering joys and concerns from our own lives.

Spiritual Reflection: Father Gray asked us to reflect on the ways we found God in our everyday lives this week.

Approval of January Strategic Planning Meeting Minutes: Minutes from the January 2020 meeting were reviewed. Melinda made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Jason seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Update: January financial statements were not yet available, as we are waiting on the bank statement from Indiana Members Credit Union before Melinda is able to compile the reconciliation. Melinda reviewed the December financial information and reported that all was reconciled on December 31, 2019. The Committee reviewed the financial statement. Erin made a motion to approve the December financial report. Ellen seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Orientation: Father Gray distributed an orientation packet for the Committee to review, and led the Committee in a review about Good Samaritan's by-laws, diocesan and Episcopal Church canons, Bishop's Committee job descriptions, an overview of our organizational structure and the rules of respect for the Bishop's Committee. The Committee and Father Gray also reviewed his Letter of Agreement with the Diocese that was signed with Bishop Cate Waynick when Gray began this work in 2015.

Bishop's Committee Members discussed the responsibilities associated with Bishop's Committee Member on Duty on Sunday mornings.

The Committee reviewed the Bishop's Committee calendar, emphasizing the meeting dates for the Committee and other crucial dates throughout 2020. Ministry liaisons were assigned.

Melinda led the Bishop's Committee in an explanation of the 2019 Budget, and each Bishop's Committee member connected with lines that she or he will track as part of our work as ministry liaisons.

Election of Officers: In accordance with the congregation's by-laws, Father Gray notified the Bishop's Committee that he has appointed Kevin Samples to serve as Senior Warden for 2020. Kevin then nominated Erin Tanner to serve as Junior Warden. Erin was elected by acclamation. Denise Young was elected by acclamation to serve as Clerk for a one-year term. Melinda Sowers was elected by acclamation to serve as

treasurer for a one-year term. She noted she will begin to train someone else to assist with this responsibility and would seek a formal appointment of an Assistant Treasurer by the Bishop's Committee when that person is ready.

Bank Signature Authorizations: The Bishop's Committee authorized Kevin Samples, Erin Tanner, and Melinda Sowers as signatories for our bank accounts and approved completion of relevant forms at Indiana Members Credit Union.

2019 Parochial Report Approval: The Parochial Report was reviewed and discussed. Kevin made a motion to approve the Parochial Report. Jason seconded the motion. Parochial Report approved.

Strategic Planning Update: David and Kevin provided a high-level update on the work of the Strategic Planning Team. The five next step teams (nonprofit partnerships, building design, Plan B, legal/financial, and funding/relationships) have been appointed and will begin meeting in February and March. Gray noted we will have an in-person meeting in May with representatives from Trinity Wall Street to discuss potential demonstration grants for Good Samaritan.

The meeting concluded with Prayer Requests and Thanksgivings.

With no further business, the Committee adjourned at 1:15pm.

Faithfully submitted,

Denise Young