

**Good Samaritan Episcopal Church
Bishop's Committee Meeting Minutes
Sunday, December 13, 2020**

The Bishop's Committee met via Zoom.

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

Guests: Astrid Caruso-Lynch, Anne Davis, Charlee Mitchell

Kevin called the meeting to order at 11:15am. Committee members shared the joys and concerns in their lives.

November Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the November meeting were reviewed. With no edits or corrections made, Melinda made a motion to approve the minutes. Ellen seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Melinda reviewed account activity from October and November. She reported that all accounts have been reconciled through November 30. Current balances reflect \$99,379.04 in the checking account and \$120,373.65 in the savings account. We will return the \$9,300 Racial Reconciliation grant by December 31. This is the only large expenditure we expect for the balance of the year.

A draft of the audit has been received and is being reviewed. The final audit document is expected in late January, at which time the Bishop's Committee will discuss. Jason made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Erin seconded. Motion approved.

Transition Update: Since Father Gray's departure, Amy has become fully engaged in her role within the parish. The Diocese is engaged as well, and is supportive as we continue through the transition process.

Stewardship Update: Anne Davis updated the committee on the status of pledges received. A total of 69 pledges have been submitted, totaling approximately \$160,000. Of those pledges, 28 families increased their pledge from 2020; 24 families remained consistent; 3 families decreased their pledge; and 13 new families have submitted pledges. Four requests have not been returned. Anne will continue to manage the stewardship project.

2021 Budget Approval and Trinity Wall Street Update: Erin presented the 2021 budget. Budget line items were reviewed, explained and discussed. Final numbers are currently fluid pending additional information. The committee thanked Erin for her diligent work in developing the budget. Melinda made a motion to approved the 2021 Budget. Jason seconded. The 2021 Budget was adopted.

Ellen presented extensive information on the progress of our involvement with Trinity Wall Street. She, Erin and Father Gray attended a TWS conference with other parishes similarly situated to Good Samaritan. Ellen indicated that the conference was a very helpful exercise in understanding the different phases of development and the sharing of the experiences of other

parishes. TWS offers a portal for resources and information concerning our partnership. Registration for access to the portal is a complex process, and Ellen is pursuing the documentation required to gain access. A letter of intent to TWS is due on Friday, December 19; however, we may not have all of the required materials ready to submit. A second funding cycle has a June 2021 deadline. We may opt to instead submit at that time.

Ellen then discussed the progress of the Village Hub project. After meeting with the Program Committee, she reported that we have received 9 letters of intent from organizations to occupy space in the building. The committee continues to reach out to other organizations to gauge interest in participating. We will need to engage an attorney for assistance with establishing the Village Hub as a legal entity. Zoning issues will be handled later in the process. New arrangements with Harris Academy will extend our use of their facilities.

2021 Bishop's Committee Leadership: As Kevin and Jason are rotating off the Bishop's Committee, nominations were made for Anne Davis and Charlee Mitchell as replacements. Erin has agreed to assume the role of Senior Warden, and Ellen will serve as Junior Warden.

2019 Audit Approval: We expect the 2019 audit in January and will discuss and approve at the January meeting.

Nominating Committee Update: Lara Dreyer was approved by acclamation for the alternate delegate position at the Diocesan Convention.

Resolution 2020-01: Authorization of Gift Policy: The committee discussed the Gift Policy.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Bishop's Committee that acceptance of any restricted gift or restricted bequest requires the advanced prior approval of the Bishop's Committee.

David made a motion to authorize the policy. Ellen seconded. Motion approved.

Reports from Ministry Liaison Areas: Bishop's Committee members shared information and perspectives from their respective liaison areas.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:32pm.

Faithfully submitted

Denise C Young