

**Good Samaritan Episcopal Church  
Bishop's Committee Meeting Minutes  
Sunday, December 19, 2021**

The Bishop's Committee met via Zoom.

**Members Present:** Ellen Burton, Melinda Sowers, Anne Davis, David Huang, Erin Tanner, Charlee Mitchell, Susan Burt, Reverend Beth Scriven. Guests: Courtenay Murakowski, Katy Hilts

Mother Beth called the meeting to order at 1:37 PM. Committee members shared the joys and concerns in their lives.

**November Meeting Minutes:** The minutes from the November meeting were reviewed. With corrections, Melinda made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Anne seconded. Motion approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Melinda reviewed account activity from November. Current balances reflect in \$ 190,116.85 the checking account and \$ 120,494.08 in the savings account. Discussion about November's Treasurer's report and pledge entry and splits in Realm. Deposits process discussed. Erin made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Charlie seconded. Motion approved.

**Stewardship Update:** Discussion about outstanding pledgers. Discussion as to who would like to reach out. Anne and Mother Beth will take most of the list to contact them.

**Budget:** Erin discussed the budget and all the various aspects of how we built it. Deficit of \$27K currently. Most of the pledge cards have been submitted. Several discussions about the deficit and how it could change between now and the Annual Meeting. A motion was made to accept the budget as presented. David made the motion, Ellen seconded. Motion approved.

**Nominating committee** – Ellen gave us an update of the nominating committee.

Bishop's Committee Nominees: Katy Hilts and Susan Burt

Diocesan Convention (3 + alternate):

Amy Dobbs (existing)

Mary Kay Conely

Natalie Rodriguez

Heidi Morris Cass as alternate

**Warden selection:** David will be our 2021 Senior Warden. Discussion ensued about Junior Warden. Anne Davis is selected to be Junior Warden for 2022. Informally accepted. Anne will be submitted for a formal vote in January.

**Staff Evaluations:** Discussion of the process. A BC member should attend meeting to give these evaluations. Those schedules were worked through and made for January 2022.

**2022 Meeting Schedule:** Sunday January 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting ½ day February 26 for a in person meeting for BC. No regular Feb meeting. April 17<sup>th</sup> needs to be rescheduled to April 24 due to Easter. June's meeting will need to be decided in spring as it is currently Father's Day. August – September 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays are good dates. October will be revisited closer to time. November and December are good dates. Will revisit the fall dates more closely in May 2022.

**2022 Worship Schedule:** • **Review plans** – Changes start January 9, 2022. Depending on the virus – we may have to go back to one service all virtual started then. Communication is key.

**January 2022 listening sessions** - small group sessions January 23, 2022, 5 pm, January 22, 2022, 10AM, January 26, 2022 6:30 pm

**Village Hub Update:** Sending out RFP for Architect. Discussion ensued about Plan A and Plan B. How the grant works, etc.

**Seminarian's Report:** Courtenay discussed her experiences so far at Good Sam's. She was thanked for her hard work.

**Vicar's Report:** Contained in agenda. Any questions? Mother Beth on vacation from Dec 27, 2021 – January 4, 2022

**Member on Duty signups:** Shared the link. Please get signed up for upcoming services.

**Reports from Ministry Liaison Areas:** No reports for this meeting.

**What do we want to communicate, how, to whom? Who will do so? -** Thank you to Barbie and Rachel for the pageant loveliness. Anne will send the thank you.

**Prayer Requests/Thank yous –** Prayers for family members at this time.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:54 pm.

Faithfully submitted,  
Susan Burt

**Bishop's Committee Agenda**  
**December 19, 2021 1:30 p.m.**

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Who leads?</b>	<b>Action Needed</b>	<b>Suggested Time</b>
Opening Prayer and Check-Ins	Bishop's Committee		5 minutes
Approval of November meeting minutes (attached)	Bishop's Committee	Approval	3 minutes
Treasurer's Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review and approval of November reconciliation and financial reports</li> </ul>	Melinda	Approval	3 minutes
Stewardship Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contacts for outstanding pledgers</li> </ul>	Anne and Beth	Update	7 minutes
Budget	Erin	Presentation, discussion	15 minutes
Nominating Committee	Ellen	Update	3 minutes
Warden selection	Erin and Beth	Report, discussion, elect junior warden	15 minutes
Staff evaluations	Beth	Report, signups	5 minutes
Personal needs break			5 minutes
2022 Meeting Schedule	Beth	Decision	10 minutes
2022 Worship Schedule <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review plans</li> <li>Review BCMOD for new schedule</li> </ul>	Beth	Clarification, review	5 minutes
January listening sessions	Beth	Scheduling decision, sign up	10 minutes
Village Hub	David	Update	5 minutes
Seminarian's Report	Courtenay	Acceptance, clarification	5 minutes
Vicar's Report	Beth	Acceptance, clarification	3 minutes
Member on Duty signups	Bishop's Committee	Sign up	4 minutes

Reports from Ministry Liaisons	Bishop's Committee	Feedback, concerns	2 minutes
What do we want to communicate, how, to whom? Who will do so?	BC	Decision	5 minutes
Prayer Requests/Thank yous	Bishop's Committee		5 minutes
TOTAL			115 minutes

## Vicar's Report:

*By the numbers...*

Measures and Benchmarks as of December 15, 2021

- Number of people in "base": (members and regular participants): 251 (173 adults, 78 children/youth)
- Number of newcomers (people in the pipeline yet to go through Newcomer Initiation): 12 adults
- Rolling attendance last 4 weeks: (113, 88, 114, 113) avg. 107
- Year to date average Sunday attendance: Astrid and I are both up to our eyebrows at this point and Realm won't auto-calculate this now that we have two services a week. We promise to figure out how to get this back in the mix as soon as we clear some breathing space. **For real. There has not been breathing space yet but this can absolutely happen in January before BC & annual meeting.**
- Year to date average Sunday attendance last year at this time: 132.5
- 2022 amount pledged so far: \$138,446.16
- 2021 amount pledged: 72 pledges for \$162,783
- 2021 amount given: \$128,268.69
- Vicar's community connections: November - 2 external, 2 internal, 3 Episcopal. External: planning group for Longest Night (w/clergy from Messiah, Calvary, inclusive Catholics), planning group for Trans Day of Remembrance (w/clergy from Richmond, inclusive Catholics, Roberts UMC downtown Indy)
- Some of you may have seen this week's announcement that the Offices of the Bishop and Cathedral are moving into new space downtown on the circle. Astrid and I were informed ahead (but not allowed to share ahead, sorry) and have been assured that there will continue to be room for us in the new space. Moving out of the old space will take some time, because we want to leave the building but not the ecumenical relationships, so our address won't change until sometime in the new year.
- External/internal/Episcopal balance was definitely tilted toward Stuff That Makes Church Run Like Church and ongoing projects like the Trinity Wall Street connection this month and my attention was much more focused inside Good Sam's than outside it.