

**Good Samaritan Episcopal Church**  
**Bishop's Committee Meeting Minutes**  
Saturday, February 18, 2023

The Bishop's Committee met at the Avon Public Library.

**Members present:** Reverend Jim Said, Anne Davis, Katy Hilts, Charlee Mitchell, Susan Burt, Tim Grino, Mike Kennedy, and Treasurer Melinda Sowers.

Father Jim called the meeting to order at approximately 11:00 a.m.

**January Meeting Minutes and consent agenda:** Father Jim directed the committee's attention to the January 2023 meeting minutes and consent agenda. Tim Grino moved to approve the minutes and Anne Davis seconded; all approved.

**Treasurer's Update:**

Checking:

Savings:

Melinda will present the financial statements for January and February at the March meeting. She said 1099 documents were issued prior to January 31, 2023, and that the 2022 audit is scheduled for May 17, 2023. Mike Kennedy asked if the audit was an annual occurrence and Melinda responded that audits are done annually. Melinda also reported that she and Father Jim are reviewing credit card options for the church. Currently, one individual is using a credit card and being reimbursed. The goal is to see if it is possible to get a credit card for the church.

Melinda also reported that the overall amount of money pledged to Good Samaritan is the highest its ever been – at an amount of about \$10,000 higher than in years prior. Discussion ensued. Melinda reported that quarterly giving statements to households didn't happen in 2022, but she and Brianna Bleiler are going to be sending those in 2023, and with regularly. Tim Grino asked how most parishoners give their pledges and Melinda responded that it is majority through online donation and credit card. Discussion ensued.

Father Jim reminded everyone that if a person's financial status changes, they can contact Melinda to adjust their pledge and that our pledges help us forecast our revenue and expenses, however, this may not be widely communicated to the congregation. Father Jim also reminded everyone that during the Sunday service, he often points out how the congregations' pledges are being used to further the mission of Good Samaritan (and it is also in the bulletin). Discussion ensued.

Melinda requested a motion to approve Katy Hilts as an authorized check signer for Good Samaritan Episcopal Church. Anne moved; Susan Burt seconded; Katy abstained. Motion approved unanimously.

Father Jim alerted everyone to important upcoming dates, including a **rally on Monday (February 20, 2023) at 7 a.m. at the Indiana Statehouse** to oppose legislation which would limit gender-affirming health care. Ann Lovko had sent out a message to the Social Justice team, Mike Kennedy said he may try to attend the rally.

Father Jim also shared upcoming events for the Easter season, which include:

- **Shrove Tuesday:** Pancake dinner from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday at St. Augustine's in Danville
- **Ashes to Go on Ash Wednesday** from 7-9 a.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church.
- **Ash Wednesday service** is at St. Augustine's Church in Danville at noon and 6:30 p.m.
- We will be participating with Messiah Lutheran for **Maundy Thursday** and **Good Friday** services – 7 p.m. and noon and 7 p.m.
- **Easter service** will be at Harris Academy

The Bishop's Committee also reviewed ministry liaison areas and made new assignments. Areas of ministry and liaisons are now as follows:

- Outreach – Mike Kennedy
- Village Hub – Anne Davis
- Connections – Tim Grino
- Stewardship – Katy Hilts
- Communications – Charlee Mitchell
- Administration/Budget & Finance – Susan Burt

Each Bishop's Committee liaison will check in with their assigned area between Bishop's Committee meetings and provide a written update via shared Google spreadsheet about their area and will also plan to share out verbally during regular Bishop's Committee meetings.

The business portion of the Bishop's Committee **meeting concluded at 11:15 a.m.**

Faithfully submitted,

Charlee Mitchell (filling in for Tina Lamb)