

Good Samaritan Episcopal Church
Bishop's Committee Minutes
June 28, 2023

Members Present: Father Jim Said, Susan Burt, Tim Grino, Katy Hilts, Mike Kennedy, Anne Davis, Charlee Mitchell, and Tina Lamb, clerk. Treasurer Melinda Sowers was absent. Barbie Russell attended as guest.

The Bishop's Committee met at the home of Charlee Mitchell, in Brownsburg.

Father Jim opened the meeting with prayer at 7:05.

Approval of Consent Agenda and May Minutes: A minutes correction was recommended by Charlee, with which the other attendees agreed. Charlee then moved to approve the edited version as well as the consent agenda. Katy seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

- Checking: \$66,713.10
- Savings: \$190,853.78

Anne moved to approve the treasurer's report and Charlee seconded. All were in favor.

Father Jim noted that this month there was about \$4500.00 more in the bank than last month, so it might be wise to examine our cash flow. He stated that we will determine whether we need any budget amendments and noted that setting up in the cafeteria and shaving an hour off our time at Harris are saving us money. The committee agreed that at the August committee meeting we will discuss amending the budget to reflect the unanticipated costs of moving out of some of our spaces at Harris.

New Business: A decision was made to not meet in July, but all committee members must examine and approve the financials. Melinda will be asked to send out financial reports, asking members to respond within 48 to approve or ask questions.

Jim congratulated Mike on finding a good storage facility at a good price. Barbie has cleaned out all three of our areas and has organized the storage unit. We obtained a chair rack and will now have extra room in the storage area. Cooking supplies were donated to Harris. We don't have to be out of our spaces until June 30th. Set-up arrangements for next Sunday were discussed.

Waycross Camp is giving Good Sam's \$2000: organizing a congregational retreat will be an excellent way for Good Sam's to get reacquainted before we launch The Hub. We can pay to have two lifeguards there. There are indoor and outdoor chapels, on 425 acres. We have had two events there in the past. We are looking at Friday night and all-day Saturday, August 11th &

12th. Barbie discussed pricing options; dinner, breakfast, lunch, and perhaps a dinner the next day, will be included. We will let Waycross provide the counselors. Planning will continue. Early bird discounts will be scheduled and offered. RSVPs/registration will be handled on Realm.

Old Business: Regarding the Village Hub project, Anne and Jim talked with one candidate who has project manager experience and wants to be involved, as well as with an established Good Sam's member who said he'd like to renew his Hub involvement. One has the historical context/background and one has experience with materials and construction. Anne will send out a doodle poll to all who have worked on the project in the past, to gather facts and interest. Jim said he envisioned two facilitators—a co-facilitator arrangement, with one continuing to watch for other existing buildings that might be available, even temporarily. A meeting will be held, and Bishop's Committee members will be invited to attend. Jim will connect with individuals who are interested. Mike noted that building costs have sky-rocketed and wondered whether giving totals thus far appear to be sufficient to support new construction. Jim noted that the purpose is to keep all options open for now: we don't yet know what this will look like. What we do with the grant money is a question that must be carefully answered. The facilitators will be tasked with this. Jim discussed other local congregations that have buildings that are not used or are underused. The co-facilitators will report to the Bishop's Committee, which will make the final decision.

New Business: Jim asked Charlee to help Bri add additional documents to the church website, in addition to the minutes, e.g. the Vicar's Report. All Bishop's Committee meeting docs can be shared, by request, with any Good Sam's member wanting to read them. Suggested verbiage: "A full report will be provided to any congregant, upon request. Contact admin@churchthatserves.org."

Katy will connect with Anne about expectations for the stewardship campaign before reaching out to a potential coordinator.

Tim will serve as Bishop's Committee liaison to our mental health committee, led by Lisa Kennedy.

Anne requested that Jim ask Bri to provide, in the future, the sign-up link for the Bishop's Committee Schedule for Sunday worship coverage.

Tim expressed a desire for more clarity on where information is found, for Bishop's Committee members, suggesting that information be consolidated and made more intuitive. He also recommended assigning gatekeepers for various sheets in the Google Drive. Katy suggested a space on the website to be able to access much of the info we use. Tim mentioned that there's no archive drive, but Katy explained that with Google Drive there's easy access to history. Charlee mentioned putting one person in charge. The Ministry Leaders' Portal on the website was also brought up by Charlee; it was probably used efficiently in the past but isn't any longer. Charlee wondered if Google Drive is adequate at this point. Technology was discussed. Charlee

suggested that someone look into Office 365 and Teams pricing and come up with a proposed file structure. She said that she and Ben could tackle it.

BC Schedule for Worship Coverage: Anne asked for volunteers for specific dates and received them.

Charlee and Ben agreed to be Good Sam's music librarians. Tim suggested planning a whole season's music at one time, or up to 6 months out.

Jim mentioned three upcoming baptisms.

Vicar's Report:

With Village Hub planning on the horizon, Jim asked members to encourage established congregants to keep attendance and pledging up. Katy and Charlee briefly discussed the plan to work on the congregational profile. Katy will talk with a potential coordinator about the stewardship campaign, which needs to be robust this year. Jim proposed a peak goal of 150. He noted that Bishop Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows will be coming to Good Samaritan on November 19th. We will send out a save-the-date for optimal attendance.

By the numbers...

Measures and Benchmarks as of May 31, 2023

- Number of people in "base": (members and regular participants): 212 (168 adults, 44 children/youth)
- Number of newcomers (people in the pipeline yet to go through Newcomer Initiation): 8
- Rolling attendance last 6 weeks: (100, 111, 102, 97, 104, 84)
- Year to date average Sunday attendance: 104
- 2022 Total Average Attendance: 86.6
- 2022 Previous year given: \$151,616.16 2022 Number of Pledges: 56
- 2023 Amount pledged: \$163,658.12 2023 Number of Pledges: 57
- 2023 Amount given YTD: \$61,823.50
- Vicar's newcomer connections: 2

Charlee closed with prayer at 9:15.