

**Good Samaritan Episcopal Church**  
**Bishop's Committee Minutes**  
**December 20, 2023**

**Members Present:** Rev. Jim Said, Mike Kennedy, Anne Davis, Tim Grino, Melinda Sowers, Charlee Mitchell, Katy Hilts, Susan Burt.

Father Jim called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

**Approval of Consent Agenda and Meeting Minutes:** Anne moved to accept the minutes as amended, Susan seconded, all agreed, motion carried. Katy moved to approve the consent agenda, Charlee seconded, all agreed, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Checking	\$ 38,333.46
Savings	\$191,127.04

**New Business:**

Susan shared the 2024 budget. Discussion was had about how the budget compares to future years and whether there is a way of fully balancing the budget for 2024. Options are to talk to those who haven't pledged yet this year. Follow up letters are ready to go out to those who haven't returned pledges. Susan notes that portfolios did recover well in November. Some of the specific requests and expenses were discussed. The idea of having folks scan a QR code for the bulletin if they are able was suggested to save paper and expenses. Open discussion about annual meeting was held.

Some changes were made to the budget. Anne moved to approve the suggested amendments to the budget as discussed, Mike seconded. Motion carried.

**Vicar's Report:** by the numbers:

Measures and Benchmarks as of December 19, 2023

- Number of people in "base": (members & reg participants): 261 (177 adults, 84 youth)
  - Number of newcomers (people in the pipeline yet to go through Newcomer Initiation): 10
  - Rolling attendance last 6 weeks: (192, 135, 127, 79, 154, 114)
  - Year to date average Sunday attendance: 106
  - 2022 Total Average Attendance: 86.6
  - 2022 Previous year given: \$151,616.16
  - 2023 Amount pledged: \$162,305.00
  - 2023 Amount given YTD: \$116,125.45
  - Vicar's newcomer connections: 0
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| 2022 Number of Pledges: | 56          |
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| 2023 Non-Pledged Gifts  | \$34,222.42 |

The next meeting is January 17<sup>th</sup> at Tim Grino's house.

Mike closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Lovko, Clerk