

Good Samaritan Episcopal Church
1801 10th Avenue
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Bishop's Committee Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2018

The Bishop's Committee of Good Samaritan Episcopal Church convened at 11:00 on Sunday, April 15, 2018. Present for the meeting were Deb Nishihira, Les Hata, Jan Motoshige, Chris Omuro, Myrtle Kaneshiro, Melissa Morinishi, Lori Chun, Rich Marshall, and Connie Kaneshiro.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Deb. Minutes read and accepted by Rich and seconded by Jan.

The following matters were discussed:

1. Organ repair update. We got a name of a person to repair the organ and need to contact for estimate.
2. Banking options. Faye Hee will go to the bank to find out about options of payments for pledging.
3. Earth day Clean up. Lori Chun updates for Earth Day. They will have a rain barrel workshop. Good option for watering at church. Need to make reservations for workshop. If rain is bad, Palolo cleanup will be canceled. Dates and cleanup projects to be posted on website.
4. April 28th Spring Fundraiser updates. Time of fair 8am to 12pm. Crew to come early to make musubis. Donations of soda, chips, baked goods, plants, ice, hotdogs and buns, and crafts goods.
5. Palm Sunday reflection of the day with input from those that attended. Attendance low so trolley was only half full.
- Rich idea alternate Palm Sunday services with Epiphany. Make a proposal to congregation to alternate.
6. Treasurer's report.

Church Operating Checking Account balance reflected a decrease of **\$1,255 from \$132,881 to \$131,626**. The year-to-date change is a decrease of \$986 from last year.

Income was about \$1,500 lower than budgeted for the month, and \$2,900 lower for year to date. The items that were significantly lower than budgeted this month were:

- Pledges and regular giving: About \$185 lower than budgeted this month; \$1,000 lower year to date
- Special offerings, holy days: \$100 lower than budgeted this month. We don't expect to receive this every month.
- Fundraisers: About \$320 lower than budgeted this month. We don't expect to receive this every month.
- Rent: \$230 lower than budgeted this month.
- Other: About \$520 lower than budgeted this month. We don't expect to receive this every month.

Expenses were about \$500 less than budgeted for the month. Highlights are:

- Maintenance, Repair and Utilities costs were about \$340 more than budgeted, due to Buildings and Grounds Maintenance costs about \$570 more than budgeted. This was partly offset by Water/sewer costs that were about \$240 lower than budgeted. Year to date Maintenance, Repair and Utilities are about the same as budgeted.
- Personnel costs were about \$300 lower than budgeted for the month
Worship and music costs were about \$400 lower than budgeted for the month.

7. Ariel Lee's group Ai Pono Hawaii is interested in possibly renting out the parish hall for their company.

8. Committee for ¼ time priest. Myrtle committee chairman with Rich on working to make a presentation for a ¼ time priest.

Need to work on:

- Request of monetary assistance from the diocese initially.
- Our outreach and evangelizing.
- Making the church look more open.
- Work on stewardship. Push pledging. Membership is low.
- Recruit with a ¼ time priest help.

Resource person to contact is Father Sandy Graham.

9. Summer Fun At Palolo Recreation Center. Proposal for different snack once a week for 6 weeks. Proposed BINGO once a week for 6 weeks. Need volunteers to help for an hour. Put in bulletin a call for volunteers. June 14 to July 19. Maybe watermelon for snack. Need to evaluate this outreach after the 3rd year to make changes or continue.

12:12 Deb closed with a prayer.