

# *Good Samaritan Episcopal Church*

1801 10th Avenue  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96816  
Bishop's Committee Meeting Minutes  
August 19, 2018

Meeting called to order at 11:20am.

Present: Deb Nishihira, Les Hata, Myrtle Kaneshiro, Rich Marshall, Lori Chun, Connie Kaneshiro

Absent: Chris Omuro, Melissa Morinishi, Jan Motoshige

Quorum established.

Meeting was opened with a prayer by Deb.

## Approval of Minutes

Review and approval of July 15, 2018 minutes

- Myrtle and Lori motioned to approve the minutes and it was unanimously accepted by committee

## Treasurer's Report

July highlights include:

Church Operating Checking Account balance reflected a decrease of \$3,544 **from \$129,742 to \$126,198**

**Income** was about \$1,940 lower than budgeted for the month. Highlights are below.

- Regular offerings were about \$990 lower than budgeted.
- Special Income was about \$960 lower than budgeted, mostly due to rent about \$250 lower than budgeted and "Other" income about \$500 less than budgeted. Both of these are not monthly income items.

**Expenses** were about \$1,800 more than the budgeted amount. Highlights are:

- Personnel costs were about \$350 higher than budgeted, but year to date costs are about \$500 lower than budgeted.
- Worship and music costs were about \$260 less than budgeted.
- Meetings and travel costs were about \$1,000 more than budgeted; this is not a monthly cost. Year-to-date cost is \$1,400 compared to \$1,200 budgeted for the year.
- Taxes were higher by about \$900. This is not a monthly item.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Rich, second by Les. Unanimously accepted by committee.

### Auditor's Report

Review of recent 2017 Audit report and recommendations.

Deb went over each item the auditor listed that had recommendations. Responses to each item were made and the audit was unanimously approved to be turned in to the diocese.

### Discussion on getting a part-time priest

Myrtle would like us to still pursue this.

Based on spreadsheet from Father Graham, our budget would only be able to sustain a part-time priest for a few years unless membership and income significantly increases. Myrtle will draft a letter to ask for partial financial help from the diocese for the first few years. Stewardship would need to increase.

Deb will ask Father Sandy Graham to join us at our next meeting to discuss this.

### Announcements/Reminders:

#### EAM convention September 27 – October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Japanese convocation from October 1 – 3 at Camp Mokuleia

Potluck provided by church members in the parish hall on Sunday, September 27 after the service.

Japanese convocation to join us – about 15 people. Instead of using church funds, the congregation will be asked to provide the potluck dishes.

#### October Rummage, Plant, Craft and Bake Sale Saturday, October 13, 2018

Friday, October 12th setup help from Kaimuki HS NHS club, Myrtle will be in charge of this area for the last time.

Spam musubi volunteers – receive supplies to make and bring

Need donations for plants, baked goods, hot dogs, spam, water, juice and soda.

### Music

Sumie Mizushima will be assigned to play on the first Sunday of every month.

Ben Trusnovec will be assigned on the other Sundays.

Next Bishop's Committee meeting is Sunday, September 23, 2018 after refreshments.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45pm.

Deb closed the meeting with a prayer.