

# *Good Samaritan Episcopal Church*

1801 10th Avenue

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Bishop's Committee Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2018

Meeting called to order at 11:12.

Present: Rich Marshall, Myrtle Kaneshiro, Les Hata, Deb Nishihira, Lori Chun, Jan Motoshige, and Chris Omuro.

Absent: Melissa Morinishi and Connie Kaneshiro.

Deb opened the meeting with a prayer.

Quorum established.

Minutes from August 19, 2018 were reviewed and accepted by the committee.

Treasurer's Report will be reviewed at next month's meeting

Myrtle drafted a letter that will eventually be sent to the Bishop for financial support of a part-time priest. Most consider the priest as a leader for the church. By having the same priest at the church, it is thought it will help us gain parishioners. Members were encouraged to read the letter at home and email Deb with thoughts and suggestions.

Myrtle also mentioned that we need to encourage and increase pledges even if only by a dollar a month. It will show growth and interest in keeping the church moving forward. Rich said it might be a little difficult if people are on a fixed income. A stewardship letter will go out to the congregation later.

Deb received a phone call from Family Promise. It may be a possible outreach program for us in the future. Still looking at advertising for hall rental.

Questions and Responses of the 2017 Audit review will be sent to the diocesan treasurer Peter Pereira.

Sexual Misconduct can now be done online. Questions ask Deb.

October Craft and Rummage sale is Sat. October 13. Donations and man power is needed. Half day from 8am – 12pm. Myrtle will be giving out tickets to our Palolo team kids to come to the fair and get one musubi and drink.

EAM coming to Good Samaritan. We will be hosting a Pot Luck for the Japanese Convocation after Sunday Service. The parish hall will be used to make spam musubis and assemble goodie bags for the EAM at Good Samaritan on Thurs Morning.

Myrtle went to the bank and was able to convert our Building fund account to one that doesn't charge a minimum fee with the help of church member Justin Chinen.

Our church sponsored Palolo basketball team will be playing their basketball game on October 18 at the Palolo Gym. Myrtle won't be able to attend so Deb and Gavin volunteered to drop off the snacks at that 4pm time. Games will continue at 4pm for 5 weeks. 10-12 year olds.

Our neighbor, Jason Medina, attended church and requested to be baptized after talking with Father Geston. We will have a baptism next week.

Next Bishop's Committee meeting is Sunday, October 21, 2018 after refreshments.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45pm.

Deb closed the meeting with a prayer.