

**ST. MARK'S
BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MINUTES
January 20, 2010**

Present: Lorraine Dierick, Candi Miller, Mary Venske, Martha Krug, John Tennefoss, and Sarah Monroe.

John presented several readings. Needs and concerns were shared.

The **Bishop's Committee Minutes:** Approval of December 16, 2009, minutes was deferred until the February meeting.

The **Treasurer's Report:** Jim prepared and e-mailed the **Summary of St. Mark's Finances – 1/18/2010.** John reviewed the Summary. Overall expenses are tracking per the budget plan. Large expenses for the heating bill and insurance created a temporary negative balance. Lorraine noted that the Diocesan assessment decreased from the previous year.

Funds Summary—Total is \$11,594.52

- Checking Account—\$2,437.13
- Savings Account--\$917.60
- Memorial Fund--\$977.19 (\$200 is for the Windows fund)
- Diocesan Investment Fund--\$6,370.09
- Clergy Discretionary Fund--\$892.51

The Finance Report was accepted as presented.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Last Month's Activities/Plans for Next Two Months:

- **Decorating for Christmas (Dec. 20)** – Many hands helped decorate the sanctuary. Kevin and Jeff had the outside decorations in place, and it all looked very nice.
- **Christmas Eve Service (December 24 at 9:00 pm)** – John noted that it was a nice service. A request was heard to have the service earlier.
- **Discernment Class (weekly from November 24)** – The class is continuing, even in the absence of Bonnie and Jim.
- **Angel Tree Ministry** – County jail chaplains distributed a form to inmates in order to provide children's names for Christmas gifts. The gifts are given in the parent's name. Lorraine reported that St. Mark's was given the names

of eight children, ages two to ten, from two families. Gifts for these children were purchased by members of the congregation.

- **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day (February 16, 2010)** – Lorraine provided Corby with a list of potential Pancake Day workers. Corby has been contacting these people. Lorraine has ordered the perishable supplies from Thriftway, and Kevin and Corby will purchase other needed supplies. John will take St. Mark's aprons to the drycleaners to have them pressed. John will also contact Tim Nelson for entertainment suggestions. Set up will take place Monday at 10:00 am.
- **Annual Meeting (February 21, 2010)** – Lorraine noted that convention delegates and alternates need to be elected. Two or three people could be added to the Bishop's Committee. John suggested explaining the role of the Bishop's Committee to the congregation. At the Annual Meeting, there is usually a past activities report.

100th Anniversary Celebration (April 25, 2010) – Lorraine looked on the internet to see what other churches do to celebrate their anniversary. There are a great variety of activities. Sarah suggested making a display. Natalie could look for old photos. Special invitations will be made for past priests and members. To develop a mailing list, Natalie and Chris will be asked to look at names of former members. John suggested putting an event notice on St. Mark's reader board. Corby usually does the newspaper ads. The event will be announced at church and volunteers asked to help. Lorraine suggested a sign up sheet for congregation volunteers. Focus areas include decorations, music, food, and invitations. John also suggested souvenirs for the 100th Anniversary.

Vicar's Report –

Lorraine wrote two checks from the Discretionary Funds. The Ministerial Association received a request for PUD assistance – Lorraine wrote check for \$25.00. The Grays Harbor County Jail Ministry requested funds for supplies – Lorraine wrote a check for \$50.00.

St. Mark's will be hosting the **Good Friday community service** in cooperation with the Ministerial Association. It will be at 7:00 pm. John will invite Ken Albert to sing.

The Church of God will host an emergency services meeting on February 1. Lorraine said they want to designate emergency housing and shelter.

Other Items – John requested a relief organist. Lorraine said Jeff and Corby will operate the keyboard in John's absence.

Haitian Relief was discussed and it was suggested that two donation bowls be used at Pancake Day, one for the Food Bank Distribution Center and one for Haitian relief.

The next Bishop's Committee meeting will be Wednesday, February 24, at 6:30 pm.

The closing prayer was offered by Sarah.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Krug,
Bishop's Committee Secretary