

**ST. MARK'S
BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MINUTES
June 15, 2011**

Present: Lorraine Dierick, Jim Campbell, Bonnie Campbell, Kevin Varness, Mary Venske, Natalea Brumfield, Martha Krug, and John Tennefoss.

John opened the meeting with a Gathering Prayer and prayer needs.

The Bishop's Committee Minutes: The minutes of May 18, 2011, were approved as written, seconded, and carried.

The Treasurer's Report: Jim presented the **Summary of St. Mark's Finances – 6/14/2011, St. Mark's Montesano Finance Report 2011, Transaction Summary May and June 2011, and the 2011 Operating Bills and Outreach Summary.** Jim reviewed the Summary and reported a net operating surplus of \$812.64, and he expects surpluses to continue through the spring and summer months. The only area over budget is energy expenditures due to the cooler winter and spring this year. Current expenses are paid including materials for the altar table and plant stands. Jim announced that \$740 was collected last Sunday for the Haiti support fund for the children of St. Vincent. Collections will also be made next Sunday for the Haiti fund and forwarded to the Diocese. Discussion followed regarding 2011 Outreach revenue, and Jim said we are closely tracking with revenue. **Jim moved that the donated Haiti revenue be supplemented from Outreach operating funds for a net of \$1,000. The motion was seconded and carried.** As of the end of May, DIF (Diocesan Investment Fund) is \$12,761.49, a decrease of \$78.16. **Kevin moved that a \$600 donation be made to the Montesano Food Bank for the first half of 2011. The motion was seconded and carried.**

Jim reported that **St. Mark's 2010 audit** is due. He will contact Becky Brown, St. Luke's treasurer, to determine their interest in shared auditing.

Stewardship Seminar – St. John, Kirkland, June 25 – Jim would like to attend. **Kevin moved to authorize Jim to attend the Seminar at a cost of \$20. The motion was seconded and carried.**

John accepted the Financial Report.

Funds Summary—Total is \$19,174.88

- Checking Account—\$4,471.91
- Savings Account—518.10
- Memorial Fund--\$983.88
- Diocesan Investment Fund--\$12,839,65 (last month)
- Clergy Discretionary Fund--\$361.34

BUSINESS ITEMS

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

- **Graduation Day (May 22, 2011)** – Shawn and Marisa, along with their parents, attended St. Mark's celebration of their graduation from Montesano High School. John, Senior Warden, presented Bibles to these graduates and a special cake was served.
- **Willapa Region Meeting (May 22, 2011)** – Jim reported that 30 participants attended the meeting, including the new rector of St. David's.
- **Montesano High Graduation (June 2011)** – Lorraine reported that Bibles were available at the baccalaureate service for those that wanted them. Parents and students planned the service, and 28 graduates attended out of a possible 84-86.
- **Pentecost Sunday (June 13, 2011)** – Many in attendance wore red, and the music was great, as operated by Jeff Varness in John Tennefoss' absence.
- **Montesano Community Bible Camp (July 2011)** – Camp will be July 11-15 and the theme will be the beach. Bonnie said helpers are needed. Youth helpers will be recruited and Corby will present story time.
- **Annual Rummage Sale (August 6, 2011)** – This year's sale will be Saturday, August 6, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Bonnie suggested that the Rummage Sale date be put on the community calendar, along with dates for Shrove Tuesday, Halloween, and St. Francis Day. Discussion followed on utilization of the sale revenue. **Kevin moved to specify that funds will be distributed between Coastal Harvest, Child Advocacy Center, and the Montesano Senior Center. The motion was seconded and carried.**
- **Annual Church Picnic (August or September, 2011)** – Possible dates were discussed and August 21 was agreed upon. St. Luke's will be invited and the event may be held at St. Marks. We cannot count on good weather for an outside picnic.
- **Wine into Water Fundraiser** – Jim, Bonnie and Lorraine reported on their initial research. Jim reported that St. John's Kirkland and Ascension in Seattle have hosted this event and did very well. St. John's raised a total of \$10,000 and Ascension raised \$5,000. St. John's sold tickets for a dinner and had a variety of wines for raffle. Ascension sold tickets, served appetizers and wine and had a raffle. Jim shared a handout from the Diocese about events involving wine. Bonnie contacted the Westport Winery and they responded with an e-mail with guideline options and suggestions. They would sell wine gift baskets to St. Mark's at 50% off. Lorraine contacted Candy Bachtell at Savory Faire and she would be happy to help with our project in October. She knows distributors in

Olympia. John suggested booking the Nelson Combo for the event. Potential dates are October 29 and November 5. Jim suggested selling tickets, serving appetizers and wine, and selling raffle tickets. Kevin asked how much money do we need upfront to host this event, and what do we do with leftover wine? Options were discussed and more information is needed. Natalea commented that we need wine prices, and it was noted that Trader Joe's sells wine.

- **Letter of Agreement LOA** – The Bishop's Committee signed the LOA, and it was sent to the Bishop.
- **"Rural Church: Ministry and Mission for All"** – July 5 to October 28. Sarah's Seminary is presenting an on-line program for parishes, helping rural churches tell their story. The time commitment is eight hours per month. Jim will get more information on the program.
- **Spring/Summer Outdoor Projects** – Issues to be worked include: paving the handicap access parking space, select someone to do the outside painting, paint bell/steeple base, and paint the ceiling of the nave. An estimate on the cost of select painting will be secured. Jim briefly spoke to Scott Martin about concrete for handicapped parking. Kevin said he knows someone who will give us a concrete estimate.
- **Altar Table/Flower Stands** – Jim and his son-in-law, Jeff Williams, have constructed a new altar table utilizing wood from the old privacy screens. Jim shared on-line photos of the project. There was enough wood from the old communion rails to build a variety of plant stands. All the built pieces need to be sanded and finished. The current altar table will be placed under the cross, where it originally stood back in the 1950s. Lorraine advised that we need to present the table idea to the congregation. Kevin added that there should be ongoing discussion about the change, telling the story about the recycled wood, and the safety issue of the candles not being against the wall. John and Kevin suggested having a dedication for the new altar table and the new display cabinet.
- **Planting Area** – Bonnie explored ideas for planting on the south side of the church and suggested getting four lilacs for this area. Jim advocated for drawing up a plan and doing the project in stages. Maintenance is a consideration. Martha suggested also replacing damaged plants around the building.

Vicar's Report – Lorraine will officiate at a wedding August 24 at Seabrook. Bonnie participated in an evening Jail Ministry, and on August 6 she will officiate at a Wynooche Cemetery graveside service. In July, Bonnie will serve in Elma one Sunday. Bonnie asked if we want to start discernment for St. Mark's.

Other Items – Convention reservations were discussed, and Bonnie will make the arrangements.

The next Bishop's Committee meeting will be Wednesday, August 17, at 6:30 pm. There will not be a meeting in July. The meeting was closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Krug,
Bishop's Committee Secretary