

**ST. MARK'S
BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MINUTES
January 12, 2011**

Present: Rev. Lorraine Dierick, Jim Campbell, Kevin Varness, Mary Venske, Rev. Bonnie Campbell, and John Tennefoss.

Lorraine opened the meeting with prayer, and needs were shared.

The **Bishop's Committee Minutes:** Kevin moved to approve the minutes of December 15, 2010. The motion was seconded and carried.

The **Treasurer's Report:** Jim presented the **Summary of St. Mark's Finances – 1/11/2011, St. Mark's Montesano Finance Report 2011, Transaction Summary December 2010 and January 2011, and the 2011 Operating Bills and Outreach Summary.** Currently there is about a \$500 surplus at this early time in the year. Several items will need to be paid soon, including the year's supply of sanctuary candles (about \$225) and the annual property/liability insurance premium (\$1161). As far as the completion of the 2010 operating budget, Jim was able to send \$1150 of surplus revenue at year end to the Diocesan Investment Fund (DIF) which will result in a reduction of St. Mark's Diocesan assessment for 2012. Jim explained the expenses for utilities increased by about \$500 in 2010, \$145 of which were for energy use, the rest was for sewer/water/garbage increased rates/costs. Jim, when asked, explained that there are now 11 pledge cards returned, for a total of about \$16,300. This supports the approved 2011 plan.

Kevin moved to accept the Financial Report which was seconded and carried.

Funds Summary—Total is \$17,027.90 (\$16,527.53--2010 year end)

- Checking Account—\$3,409.64 (\$2,909.27--2010 year end)
- Savings Account--\$617.97 (\$617.97--2010 year end)
- Memorial Fund--\$982.11 (\$982.11--2010 year end)
- Diocesan Investment Fund--\$11,624.84 (11,624.84--2010 year end)
- Clergy Discretionary Fund--\$393.34 (\$393.34--2010 year end)

Jim also reported that Sarah Monroe, our seminarian, was approved for postulancy by the Diocese. A discussion followed about her support for various expense items that will come up in the ordination process the next 3 years. The Diocese will be posting the expense items and approximate costs soon so we can plan how we might help with the expenses for Sarah.

BUSINESS ITEMS

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

Christmas Events (December 11 and 24) –The Christmas Eve service was held at 5:00 pm while AA met that evening at 7:00 pm. The service was great with 34 people and 2 dogs in attendance. It was agreed to talk to the committee for next

year's Festival of Lights event about using our church to provide coffee. A "Blue Christmas" event was held as part of the last Bible Study group, Wednesday, December 22, before Christmas.

Annual Meeting (January 16) Jim has prepared the report for the Annual Meeting. The agenda will include approving delegates for the 2011 Diocesan Convention and Bishop Committee. We will see how many are in attendance, with the Seahawks playoff game starting at 10am that day.

Church Bell/Steeple/Cross Repairs - Kevin and Jim reported that Lupo Construction has provided a bill for their initial services in removing the bell/steeple/cross structure and temporarily repairing the roof--\$743. Jim said he would contact the church insurance company about how to provide them with the information needed for them to pay this cost (less the \$500 deductible) and also discuss plans for the full repair/replacement of this structure.

Vicar's Report – Lorraine and Bonnie reported on the Angel Giving Tree--Gifts for the children of County jail inmates were purchased and delivered by church members. These gifts are provided in the name of the inmate. Six children were provided gifts--4 in Taholah, and 2 in Montesano.

Other Items – A conversation about the status of St. Luke's, Elma occurred. The group was informed about how they were proceeding without a priest there, the support given by the Diocese so far, and the possible request for a priest to conduct Sunday communion on some unknown limited basis and timeframe. It was agreed that should the request occur, that our priests would tell the Bishop's Committee what level of support they are comfortable with and with the congregation's support could help.

The next Bishop's Committee meeting will be Wednesday, February 20, at 6:30 pm. Bonnie closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Campbell for Martha Krug,
Bishop's Committee Secretary