

**ST. MARK'S
BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MINUTES
August 19, 2009**

Present: John Tennefoss (BC-Sr Warden), Jim Campbell (BC-Jr Warden/Treasurer), Mary Venske (BC Member), Rev. Lorraine Dierick (Vicar, BC Member), Rev. Bonnie Campbell (Priest-Visitor). Absent: Martha Krug (BC-Clerk/Secretary), Candy Miller (BC Member).

Lorraine offered the opening prayer.

The **Bishop's Committee Minutes:** The minutes of July 15, 2009, were approved as written.

The **Treasurer's Report:** Jim presented and reviewed the **Summary of St. Mark's Finances – 8/17/2009, St. Mark's Montesano Finance Report 2009, 2009 Outreach Summary, and July and August 2009 Transaction Summaries.** Jim reported that the Operating Revenues vs. Expenses now show a surplus of over \$1870. Monthly bills are currently paid. The Diocesan Investment Fund (DIF) report increased for the fourth month in a row, by \$282. Pending outreach items were reviewed briefly, and approval was given for \$25 for the Montesano High Football Club.

Funds Summary—Total is \$11,780.39 (Previous month--\$10,567.98)

- Checking Account—\$3,210.97 (Previous month--\$2,785.24)
- Savings Account--\$517.45 (Previous month--\$517.45)
- Memorial Fund--\$975.16 (Previous month--\$474.98) (\$200 is for the Windows fund)
- Diocesan Investment Fund--\$5,917.59 (Previous month--\$5,631.09)
- Clergy Discretionary Fund--\$1,159.22 (Previous month--\$1,159.22)

Jim also provided a draft document of Goals & Priorities for St. Mark's Annual Operating Budget, for review over the next few months and update & approval to go with next year's budget in December.

The Finance Report was accepted.

St. Marks Discretionary Fund Account Signers: Jim and Bonnie brought up the issue of getting her on as a signer on the Clergy Discretionary fund account. Sterling Savings needs the account information updated to show the current information for the Officers of the church and the account. (It is only 11 years out of date.) It was approved to remove Mary Dierick as a signer and add Rev. Boneta Campbell as a signer on this St. Mark's Discretionary account. Jim provided the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Olympia which cover mission congregations (of which St. Mark's is so designated) and are the bylaws for the mission operations. The officers for St. Mark's are as follows:

President/Sr. Warden—John Tennefoss

Vice President/Jr. Warden—James Campbell
Treasurer—James Campbell
Secretary—Martha Krug

The officers for this discretionary account are:

President—John Tennefoss

Treasurer—James Campbell

Secretary—Rev. Lorraine Dierick

Signers: Rev. Lorraine Dierick, Rev. Joyce Avery, Rev. Boneta Campbell

BUSINESS ITEMS

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

- **Worship Space/Services Project Meeting (August 16)** – Jim reported the first set of changes were provided to the congregation for two Sundays and in the August newsletter, and the first set of changes during August and September were implemented as a trial. Those changes are: creating a baptismal area in the back of the church with the font and paschal candle, remove the two modesty screens in the front of the nave, and move the lectern down into the nave at the right front. Rev. Janet Campbell visited with us on Sunday, August 16 to participate in our worship and meet with the congregation to discuss all of the change ideas. This was a great event and helped us find out more about what we think is important and how we should look at our space. [During the week following extra chairs, a pew, and the electronic keyboard and a layreader kneeler were removed from the back of the nave, the pews were canted/slanted slightly more and space left between rows 5 and 6 on both sides to make room for kids to play or for access.] Jim also stated he has ordered a new door for the opening between the nave and parish hall that is glass and more inviting to those visiting to look into the church. We agreed to contact Rev. Campbell to come back in early November to help us set up the next set of changes in the chancel and sanctuary areas.
- **Monthly Church Potluck (August 26)** – it will be at the Church.
- **Church Picnic w/St. Luke's (August)** – John agreed to talk with St. Luke's to see if they want to do anything with us for 2009.
- **Rummage Sale (September 12)** – We agreed to have the event on Saturday only (9am-3pm), giving the church the whole week to prepare for it (especially with Labor Day being on the Monday of that week and the Bishop visit the Sunday before). It was also agreed to get advertising out by the end of the month and let people about getting donations to church soon.

- **Bishop Visit (September 6)** – In preparation for Bishop Greg’s visit, Jim said he would bring up the Mission Insite demographics for Montesano (summary provided by Jim), published in the August newsletter, at church before the bishop visit. Jim said he has sent in everything required of the visit customary to the diocese. Six people will be administered to by the bishop during the worship service: 1 baptism, 3 confirmations, 1 receival, 1 reaffirmation). The white chasuble will be cleaned and verified ready for the bishop to wear.

OTHER ITEMS

Stewardship Planning – Jim said the first stewardship article will be in the September newsletter.

The next Bishop’s Committee meeting will be Wednesday, September 16th, at 6:30 pm.

The closing prayer was offered.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Campbell for Martha Krug,
Bishop’s Committee Secretary