

**ST. MARK'S
BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MINUTES
October 26, 2016**

Present: Jim Campbell, Connie Robertson, Kevin Varness, Lorraine Dierick, Joyce Avery, Lorraine Dierick, and Martha Krug.

Jim opened the meeting with a prayer.

The **Bishop's Committee Minutes: Kevin moved to approve the minutes of September 21, 2016. The motion was seconded and carried.**

The **Treasurer's Report:** Jim presented the **Summary of St. Mark's Finances – 10/26/2016, St. Mark's Montesano Finance Report 2016, and the 2016 Operating Bills and Outreach Summary.** Jim reported that we continue to do well since "the Doomsday" report from March. Currently St. Marks has a \$2,000 surplus, and a projection of \$1,600 surplus at the end of the calendar year.

Outreach: Jim reported Outreach expenditures are \$6,481 to date, with an original budget of \$7,125, and about \$8,150 as the revised budget. We continue to do normal Outreach and will look at final expenditures at our December 7 meeting. Total operating expenses and revenue are balanced.

DIF (Diocese Investment Fund) declined slightly this last report, but has made about \$2,000 for the year in addition to the \$1,800 added from our operating surplus from last year. Jim noted that this could be used for specific things like capital projects in the future.

Funds Summary – Total is \$34,201.10

- General/Designated Checking Account - \$5,503.09
- General/Designated Savings Account - \$518.99
 - Operating Fund - \$6,022.08
 - Diocesan Investment Fund -\$27,596.67
 - Memorial Fund (part of DIF) - \$1,218.06
 - Clergy Discretionary Fund - \$582.35

BUSINESS ITEMS

- **Blessing of Pets** – The Daily World provided great coverage. Connie said she is famous now (great photo).
- **Baptism** – Jim commented that it was a very fun experience.
- **Halloween Treats** – Kevin said treats will be handed out at St. Mark's next Monday from 5:00 to 7:30 pm. He noted that this will be his first "retired" Halloween. Coffee will be available and Kevin has three big Costco bags of candy to hand out. (We already have several bags donated from members too.)
- **Priest Report** – Lorraine reported that she wrote a \$50 check from the discretionary fund to Thriftway for a woman who needed food.
- **St. John's South Bend** – Jim presented a memo regarding staffing issues at St. John's. Because they don't have a person to do their official reporting, Bishop Greg asked Jim to do

their reports and bookkeeping. Their pledges will come to St. Mark's and be kept separate. Jim supports this plan.

- Kevin reported that yesterday he laid down two pickup loads of gravel in the alley behind St. Mark's. Discussion followed. The Church of God has not moved on the alley project. Actionaire will do routine maintenance on St. Mark's heat pump in November. Jim said the cost is already planned for in the budget.

The next Bishop's Committee meeting will be Wednesday, December 7. The meeting was closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Krug, Bishop's Committee Secretary