

**ST. MARK'S
BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MINUTES
August 17, 2011**

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

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

The Bishop's Committee Minutes: The minutes of June 15, 2011, were approved as written, amended, seconded, and carried.

The Treasurer's Report: Jim presented the **Summary of St. Mark's Finances – 8/15/2011, St. Mark's Montesano Finance Report 2011, Transaction Summary July and August 2011, and the 2011 Operating Bills and Outreach Summary.** Jim reviewed the Summary and reported a net operating surplus of \$2,741, and he expects surpluses to continue through October. Current expenses are all paid to date. Discussion followed regarding disbursement of the 2011 Rummage sale proceeds (\$900), and it was **moved by Kevin, seconded and approved to equally split the proceeds (\$300 each) for the Children's Advocacy Center, the Montesano Community Center, and Coastal Harvest. Kevin moved that a \$200 donation be made to support Union Gospel Mission. The motion was seconded and carried.**

There was discussion about support to Sarah for the next two years. It was agreed, per the planned budget, to send the funds for her medical insurance when that bill comes due in September (expected at about \$1800). Jim explained the possible timeline for her completion of her seminary studies and path to ordination, possible candidacy next fall, and then maybe ordination by early 2014. **Mary moved that a \$300 gift from the Seminary/Education fund be made to Sarah to help with fall expenses. The motion was seconded and carried.**

Kevin moved that a \$100 cost to participate in the Rural Church video course be paid. The motion was seconded and carried.

Jim reported that the **St. Mark's 2010 audit** is past due. He has been trying to contact Becky Brown, St. Luke's treasurer, to determine their interest in shared auditing. Kevin offered that if not able to do with St. Luke's, that he and Jeff would do the audit with Jim before September 1, in time to be sent in before the 9/6 deadline.

Jim explained that the finances report now includes a balance sheet, as the Diocese is requiring one to accompany the audit letter each year. The Financial Report was accepted as presented.

Funds Summary—Total is \$20,291.62

- Checking Account—\$5,695.26
- Savings Account—518.14
- Memorial Fund--\$984.08
- Diocesan Investment Fund--\$12,458.59
- Clergy Discretionary Fund--\$635.34

BUSINESS ITEMS

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

- **Montesano Community Bible Camp (July 11-15, 2011)** – The camp was successful once again, with about 175 campers in total, and up to 30 “pre-schoolers” on the largest day. It was suspected that there were some 3 yr olds in that group (younger than supposed to be involved). Kevin said that the groundrules should be checked and clearly stated for future sessions, and Bonnie suggested that if children 3 or younger were to come that a daycare be made available to them. Also, the issue of curriculum selection being selected by one person was brought up, and Lorraine agreed to talk with JoDene (Methodist minister) about this before going to the Camp committee.
- **Annual Rummage Sale (August 6, 2011)** – This year's sale was on a Saturday, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. It was again successful with almost \$900 in proceeds. The method of having most of the small items and clothing and books available as unmarked and purchased for \$5 for a grocery bag seemed to work well. It was agreed to not drop the price per bag quite so much or as early as noon, and to leave the sale on until the advertised finish time. As Bonnie suggested that the Rummage Sale date be put on the community calendar, it was agreed to hold next year's sale on August 4, 2012.
- **Annual Church Picnic (August 21, 2011)** – The event will be held at St. Marks, right after the worship service which includes a sermon by Sarah and re-dedication of worship space and furnishings changes over the past few years. If there is good weather we will have an outside picnic.
- **Rhonni LaCroix Kenya Trip Presentation (August 28, 2011)** – After worship, Rhonni will present information about her May trip. Laura LaCroix will provide some light lunch, to be coordinated.
- **Wine into Water Fundraiser** – Due to concerns about the upfront costs, energy of the congregation, and conflicts with other events, it was agreed to postpone this event until into the Spring of 2012.
- **Summer Outdoor Projects** – Kevin reported that he did have a person who could do the excavating and paving of the handicap access parking space and needs to confirm this and get a firm cost. Jim and Bonnie said they could check

with Jeff (their son-in-law) to see if his dad could do this work. Kevin and Jim also discussed doing some scraping and painting on a few needy spots outside and also clean up some trim where there is moss issue.

Vicar's Report – Lorraine will officiate at a wedding August 24 at Seabrook. Bonnie and Lorraine did the Jail Ministry last Sunday.

Other Items – Jim brought up the August 30th meeting for TCM discussions at St. Hugh, Allyn and it was agreed to send several from St. Mark's to this event.

The next Bishop's Committee meeting will be Wednesday, September 21, at 6:30 pm. The meeting was closed with a prayer.

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