

**ST. MARK'S
BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MINUTES
June 17, 2015**

Present: Jim Campbell (via telephone), Kevin Varness, Joyce Avery, and Martha Krug.

Joyce opened the meeting with a prayer.

The **Bishop's Committee Minutes: Kevin moved to approve the minutes of May 20, 2015. The motion was seconded and carried.**

The **Treasurer's Report:** Jim presented the **Summary of St. Mark's Finances – 6/15/2015 (last - 5/17/2015), St. Mark's Montesano Finance Report 2015, and the 2015 Operating Bills and Outreach Summary.** Jim reported that due to mild weather and our heating system, the Net Operating Year to Date is \$1,559 for the year. All bills are paid current. St. Mark's is paying an increased Assessment of \$1,693. One-third of Outreach has been paid for 2015. Jim noted that checking is currently at \$3,480.47 which could be used for Outreach or building repair expenses. Jim also reported that he and the treasurer of St. Benedicts are swapping audits and hope to have them completed by this Friday, June 19.

Outreach: Following discussion, **Kevin moved to pay the Willapa Region Ministry \$50. The motion was seconded and carried. Kevin moved to donate \$350 to Camp Michael for two resident scholarships, plus tee-shirts. The motion was seconded and carried.** Jim said that St. Michael's is a nice camp for kids. Camp Victory was funded at \$500 for each of the last two years by St. Mark's. **Kevin moved that we donate \$500 for Camp Victory scholarships. This motion was seconded and carried.** Jim will take this check to Camp Victory when they celebrate the camp's 25th anniversary.

Jim reviewed Sarah's financial status with Chaplains' on the Harbor. She is now working at the Diocesan minimum salary level, receiving a full salary. Her pension and medical are now being addressed. Jim said we are getting close to having everything in place. The Diocese will look at developing a Congregational Grant for Chaplains' on the Harbor. Other churches in the Diocese are sending donations to Chaplains' (a few hundred dollars to a few thousand each month). Jim reviewed Chaplains' activities. He would like to find a contractor to work on their building at a reasonable cost. Sarah will be presenting at the Episcopal National Convention next week.

Funds Summary – Total is \$29,233.40

- General/Designated Checking Account - \$3,480.47
- General/Designated Savings Account - \$518.82
 - Operating Fund - \$3,999.29
 - Diocesan Investment Fund - \$24,567.59
 - Memorial Fund (part of DIF) - \$1,084.36
 - Clergy Discretionary Fund - \$666.52

BUSINESS ITEMS

- **Grads Sunday (June 7).** – Kevin commented that the service and the turnout were very good. Each graduate was given a gift which brought lots of smiles.
- **Bible Camp (late July).** – The Community Bible Camp will be in late July, and Jim wrote a check for \$300 to cover the cost of St. Mark's participation.
- **Annual Picnic.** – Because the Bishop's Committee usually does not meet in July, Kevin suggested that a picnic date be discussed after church during coffee.

- **Possible Back Alley Paving Project.** – Jim reported that the Church of God is looking at fixing their down spouts so that water does not drain into the alley. Jim discussed this project with Mark Rice and estimates it would cost \$4,000 to \$5,000 to pave the small area (approximately 1,200 square feet) by St. Mark's. The project status will be checked on in September, and, if needed, a little rock will be brought in for the winter rains.
- **Church Status Report.** –Jim reported that 70% of the churches in the Diocese responded to the survey. Interesting trends are shown in churches that grow. (See attached "6 Tools to Grow Your Church.") This will be reviewed in the next several months at St. Marks'. Is there anything connected to our community?
- **Diocese of Olympia Audit.**- Jim noted that the Diocese has an annual budget of \$4 million dollars a year and only dividends are used. There is \$10 million in the fund. Capital gains are not used. It is estimated that an extra \$1 million a year could be used. Jim reviewed possible options for using these funds. Could assessments be dropped? The auditor suggested the Diocese should use some of these funds.
- **Priest Report** – Lorraine wrote a check for Montesano fire victims from the Discretionary Fund. Bonnie wrote checks for several homeless people. The Jail Ministry has been reignited.

The next Bishop's Committee meeting will be Wednesday, August 19, at 6:30 pm. The meeting was closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
 Martha Krug,
 Bishop's Committee Secretary

Actions to be taken:

- Revise the Diocese Letter of Agreement
- Develop a Kitchen Privileges Form