

**ST. MARK'S
BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MINUTES
October 14, 2009**

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

John offered the opening prayer.

The **Bishop's Committee Minutes:** The minutes of September 23, 2009, were approved as presented.

The **Treasurer's Report:** Jim presented and reviewed the **Summary of St. Mark's Finances – 10/14/2009, St. Mark's Montesano Finance Report 2009, 2009 Outreach Summary, and September and October 2009 Transaction Summaries.** The net operating surplus is \$1,915.62. Jim estimates that Convention expenses left to pay for will be about \$1,000 (hotel rooms, mileage, one paid meal/person on Friday evening). Jeff Varness was given a gift of \$350 during the past month for his efforts with St. Mark's lawn care this year. Other expenses for the rest of the year are expected to be normal and as planned.

Non-Operating revenue was reviewed. DIF continues to increase slowly. \$225 was received from the Blessing of the Pets Sunday service and was distributed to PAWS and Pawfect Connections program.

Outreach was discussed. John asked about narrowing the choices for the outreach places we send funds for this year and next, due to the tough local economy and needs here. There is still almost \$1200 left to use for the budget in 2009, of which \$600 will go to the Food Bowl (for the Montesano Food Bank). Choices for distributing the rest is up to us. For next year, the outreach funds can be distributed with whatever new criteria we choose.

St. Mark's is likely to have a surplus of \$1,500 or more at the end of the year. Ways to use the surplus will be reviewed at that time.

Funds Summary—Total is \$12,086.36

- Checking Account—\$3253.57
- Savings Account--\$517.52
- Memorial Fund--\$975.57 (\$200 is for the Windows fund)
- Diocesan Investment Fund--\$6,192.23
- Clergy Discretionary Fund--\$1,147.47

Jim noted that the 2008 finances audit was conducted by Corby Varness and an e-mail sent to the diocese that the audit was successful. The Finance Report was accepted.

BUSINESS ITEMS

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

- **TCM Missioner Visit (September 27)** – Diocese of Olympia TCM Missioner, Kim Forman, visited St. Mark's, observed our service, and discussed our church activities and future plans for ministry around possible ordination within the circle concept. We will be starting a discernment class for anyone interested in discerning anything personally or as a group for their futures, using a book called "Listening Hearts". This will likely start in November—to be determined. 10 copies of the books have been ordered, about \$7.50 each, to be paid by education funds from the budget.
- **Blessing of the Pets (October 4)** – This day was a wonderful event, with several new people attending with their pets. About 14 dogs and one cat were blessed, along with a picture of Elaine's horse. Treats were available for the pets, and a beautiful pets cake was provided. \$225 was raised for PAWS and Pawfect Connections.

Diocesan Convention (October 15-17) – Rev. Lorraine Dierick, Rev. Bonnie Campbell, Jim Campbell, John Tennefoss, Rev. Joyce Avery, and Anne Williams will be attending. Martha Krug is ill, so Anne is taking her place as a delegate. Sarah Monroe-Davis will be attending on Saturday as a guest.

Halloween for the Kids (October 31) – Discussed planning for this event. Lorraine and John are committed to work at this event, and will contact Kevin and Jeff Varness about decorating the front parish hall entry. Brad and Brandon Creamer will also be asked to help, along with any others. Coffee and treats will be available. Jim will e-mail the Vidette about a message for this activity in their weekly events column.

Worship Space/Services Project (November 7-8) – Reverend Janet Campbell will come to St. Mark's to help us make the planned chancel/sanctuary changes and then celebrate and preach on Sunday, November 8 about the changes made.

Stewardship Planning (Jim) – Jim will have the 2010 stewardship letter and commitment card in the November newsletter. John and Mary have provided brief statements about what St. Mark's means to them for the November newsletter; Jim will add his own short statement, too. The ingathering/blessing of commitment cards will be on November 29, the start of Advent and the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

Vicar's Report – Lorraine reported no requests from the clergy discretionary fund since the last meeting. Bonnie has four more Fresh Start programs to participate in

to complete that diocesan program, for new priests and transferred priests from other dioceses. She is now going to do only one resurgent church group.

Other Items –

Jim reported that because of his recent accident while cutting down a limb at the church, that his health insurance carrier wants information to determine whether they will pay for his costs involved in checking him for possible neck injuries. Jim will talk with diocesan insurance people about the church's coverage for liability and how to best proceed.

The next Bishop's Committee meeting will be Wednesday, November 18, at 6:30 pm.

The closing prayer was offered.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Campbell for Martha Krug,
Bishop's Committee Secretary