

**ST. MARK'S
BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MINUTES
September 15, 2010**

Present: Lorraine Dierick, Jim Campbell, Kevin Varness, Natalea Brumfield, Mary Venske, Martha Krug, and John Tennefoss.

John opened the meeting, and community prayer needs were shared.

The **Bishop's Committee Minutes:** The minutes of August 18, 2010, were approved as presented.

The **Treasurer's Report:** Jim presented the **Summary of St. Mark's Finances – 9/14/2010, St. Mark's Montesano Finance Report 2010, Transaction Summary August 2010 and September 2010, and the 2010 Operating Bills and Outreach Summary.** Jim reported that we have done well, currently with a \$3,000 surplus, and are up-to-date on budgeted expenses. \$2,000 is remaining in the Outreach budget of which \$675 is encumbered. The registration expense for the Convention is paid, and other expenses for it are budgeted for. Extras added in the budget this year were the sound system upgrade, display cabinet materials, and seminary health insurance expenses for Sarah. An additional \$2,500 will be added to savings. Jim projects that we will have a small surplus by the end of year and \$12,000 in DIF.

Jim has been in contact with the Episcopal Divinity School regarding Sarah's medical insurance, a cost of \$885.50 per semester. The cost for a year is \$1,771. **Kevin moved that St. Mark's pay the full-year medical insurance cost of \$1,771 now, instead of in two halves at 6 months intervals, to help Sarah be able to borrow less money, and have more funds for ongoing expenses. Discussion followed. The motion was seconded and carried.**

Outreach Plans - Jim reported that \$2,000 is left to be paid for 2010 of which \$675 is encumbered. Bonnie will contact the **Children's Advocacy Center** about their current financial needs. She has provided a brochure for **Camp Victory**. John checked on financial need at the **Montesano Community Center**. One meal is \$3.50 and two people on average cannot pay each meal (for a cost of \$140 per month). A number of people work off their lunch cost. On average, about 30 people are served per day. Odd Fellows generously supports the program only charging \$100 per month for space rental. John suggested that everyone visit the Center for lunch. Natalea said she likes to support local needs. Possible Outreach includes the Children's Advocacy Center, Camp Victory, and the Montesano Community Center. Kevin moved to accept the excellent financial report.

Funds Summary—Total is \$17,567.31

- Checking Account—\$5,587.92
- Savings Account—517.82
- Memorial Fund--\$980.47
- Diocesan Investment Fund--\$9,987.69

- Clergy Discretionary Fund--\$493.41

BUSINESS ITEMS

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

- **Annual Picnic at Avery's (August 29)** – Everyone agreed – good food, good company, and a good send off for Sarah's last day before leaving for seminary. St. Luke's, Elma participated.
- **TCM Retreat (October 1-2)** – The Retreat will be held at St. Hugh, Allyn, and anyone can attend.
- **Blessing of the Pets Sunday (October 3)** – Jim is putting together invitations and Corby will put an ad in the newspaper. It was noted that this is good ministry.
- **Pre-Convention Meeting (October 9)** – This will be held at St. Johns, Olympia, for Diocesan Convention delegates and will be followed by a Willapa Region meeting. Everyone is welcome.
- **Diocesan Convention (October 29-30)** – This year's Convention will be held at the Sea-Tac Hilton and starts on Friday at 1:00 pm. Jim noted that the shorter time convention agenda will be packed to get it all done.
- **Halloween (October 31)** – St. Mark's will be open from 5:00 to 7:00 pm handing out treats. Restrooms will be available to the public. All Saints will be celebrated in church that morning.

Sound System Status – Kevin reported that he is working on the sound system and just installed speakers in Calder Hall. The next step is installing speakers for upstairs and by the organ. Four speakers and wire were purchased for just over \$100. Another 25 foot cord is needed for the hand/stand microphone. Jim said we could look at the next generation of speakers for the sanctuary. John suggested connecting the organ to the sound system. Currently, we have about \$1,000 in expenses so far for the system this year. Jim commented that Kevin has done a great job. Kevin suggested "setting the system and forgetting it."

Parking Signs for Rear Parking Area – Jim has obtained four signs for \$48 which say "Welcome to St. Mark's, Parking." Jim will install the signs.

Stewardships Info from TENS Conference – Bonnie is developing a handout. At the October Bishop's Committee, Jim will present St. Mark's stewardship for 2011.

Future Plans for St. Mark's Development – Jim would like to talk about this at future meetings. Everyone was given a copy of "Rural Renewal?" by Sarah Monroe that addresses the emerging church in a rural setting. The idea is to contact and impact our local community with ministry. Discussion followed.

Vicar's Report – Lorraine said she had a "great feeling" about the Sagen funeral. The Whiteside staff was a good presence, both very attentive and helpful. Lorraine explained that the Sagen family wrote one large general use/honorarium check for the funeral. Jim then wrote a check to Lorraine for \$150 for her honorarium/services.

Other Items – Handicap Accessible Parking Pad – Jim is continuing to chase down Scott Martin for a cost estimate.

It was noted that the Montesano Methodist Church is celebrating its 150th anniversary. Activities include a hymn sing on Saturday, September 18, at 7:00 pm.

The next Bishop's Committee meeting will be Wednesday, October 20, at 6:30 pm.

The Lord's Prayer was recited.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Krug,
Bishop's Committee Secretary