

**ST. MARK'S
BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MINUTES
April 15, 2009**

Present: Candi Miller, Mary Venske, Jim Campbell, Rev. Bonnie Campbell, Martha Krug, John Tennefoss, and Rev. Lorraine Dierick.

Bonnie offered the opening prayer. Needs and concerns were shared.

The **Bishop's Committee Minutes:** The minutes of March 18, 2009, were amended as follows: Lorraine noted that Montesano Health and Rehabilitation was *closed to visitors* for two weeks due to the flu. The minutes were approved as corrected.

The **Treasurer's Report:** Jim presented and reviewed the **Summary of St. Mark's Finances – 4/13/2009, St. Marks Montesano Finance Report 2009, 2009 Outreach Summary, and March and April 2009 Transaction Summaries.** Jim reported that the check submitted to the Diocese of Olympia in March has been misplaced and therefore not recorded. Monthly bills are currently being paid and the balance is a little off because St. Mark's insurance was paid for the year. The Diocesan Investment Fund (DIF) increased by \$250. DIF investment strategy was discussed. Jim explained that it is a diversified fund, managed by the Diocese. John requested a copy of the investment report. St. Mark's Outreach is now paid current with payouts to the Union Gospel Mission (\$200), Montesano Food Bank (\$600), and the Salvation Army (\$100). A request has not been received for the July 6-10 Community Bible Camp. Jim said he emptied the "church bank" and added the donations to the Discretionary Fund. Lorraine requested that Bonnie be added to the Discretionary Fund account signature card. The request was approved by the Bishop's Committee.

Funds Summary—Total is \$7,876.90

- Checking Account—\$700.61
- Savings Account--\$517.39
- Memorial Fund--\$474.68 (\$200 is for the Windows fund)
- Diocesan Investment Fund--\$4,963.68 (The April report has not been received.)
- Clergy Discretionary Fund--\$1,220.54.

The Finance Report was accepted.

BUSINESS ITEMS

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

- **Holy Week (April 5-12)** – Lorraine commented that the Easter service was wonderful. Jim reported that he mailed St. Mark's April calendar to the Easter guests. Bonnie added that she liked the addition of hand washing for Maundy Thursday.

- **Clergy Conference (April 19-22)** – The Bishop will present his reflections at the Conference, and clergy will have the opportunity to visit. Two guests will make presentations, one on liturgy and one on music.
- **Ministry Resource Day (May 9)** – Resource Day will be May 9 at High Line Community College. Jim noted that several hundred people may attend. The cost, paid by St. Mark's, is \$25 per day per person and includes lunch. A group can go and attend different presentations. Bonnie said a Total Common Ministry curriculum will be presented.
- **Pentecost Sunday (May 31)** – No discussion. Mother's Day is May 10 and usually includes flowers and cake. St. Mark's potluck dinner will be Wednesday, April 29. John suggested calling people as a reminder for the potluck.

Church Website (Jim) – Jim noted that the agenda and minutes were printed off of the website. It is important to keep the site updated. Jim said he is working on pictures for the website and commented that the Diocese has looked at the website.

Worship Space/Services Project Status – Bonnie reported that Reverend Campbell has been invited to visit St. Mark's on June 2 at 10:00 am. She will be looking at our worship space and making suggestions. In July, she can come on a Sunday and meet with the congregation.

Vicar's Report – Lorraine said St. Mark's does not have a white pall for funerals. Jim will check with the Diocese to see if they have one we can use.

Lorraine asked if St. Mark's is ready to begin a ministry circle. Discernment, a spiritual and educational process, takes six months. Bonnie said St. Luke's has been doing discernment and is ready to call a circle. Lorraine said the circle strengthens a congregation and it takes three to five years to go through the process. Bonnie added that we cannot ever stop the discernment/circle. Jim noted that a deacon brings the world to the congregation. Bonnie said she will research the current discernment process. Lorraine said the process will depend on the hiring on a missionary.

Other Inputs – Jim presented a letter from **ICS an audio, video, and lighting consulting** service for churches. The consulting service is free, and ICS sells refurbished systems. Jim said he is interested in what is available and the cost. The Bishop's Committee agreed to contact ICS.

Martha noted that the joint Maundy service with St. Luke's was well received. Last year a joint picnic with St. Luke's was held following church. A similar activity will be suggested for this summer.

It was agreed to hold the annual **rummage sale** the weekend of September 11 and 12. The previous Sunday, Bishop Greg will visit St. Mark's.

John reported that the Shin family has moved to Tacoma. He shared a suggested sketch of a Last Supper drawing for the interior wall in Calder Hall. It was agreed that a plan would be needed for change. John also presented a Building Survey checklist booklet for review. The booklet is borrowed and must be returned.

The next Bishop's Committee meeting will be Wednesday, May 13, at 6:30 pm. Martha suggested that St. Mark's community outreach project be on the agenda.

The closing prayer was offered by Mary.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Krug,
Bishop's Committee Secretary