

**ST. MARK'S  
BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MINUTES  
August 18, 2010**

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

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

The **Bishop's Committee Minutes:** The minutes of June 16, 2010, were approved as presented.

The **Treasurer's Report:** Jim presented the **Summary of St. Mark's Finances – 8/16/2010, St. Mark's Montesano Finance Report 2010, Transaction Summary July 2010 and August 2010, and the 2010 Operating Bills and Outreach Summary.** Jim reported Net Operating expenses for August are about the same as July. The Diocesan assessment was paid, and \$600 Outreach was paid to the Montesano Food Bank. We are now ahead \$2,600. Jim pointed out that a new column has been added to the Finance Report – "Remaining Actuals." The projected budget surplus of \$1,900 at the start of this year has been taken up with sound system expenses and seminary expenses for Sarah, so we probably will break even for the year.

**Outreach Plans (distribute Rummage Sale funds)** - Jim reported that about \$3,000 is left to be paid for 2010. Of that, about \$2,250 is uncommitted. Martha reported on contacts she made August 10, 2010, with the Montesano Food Bank, Coastal Harvest, and the Union Gospel Mission to identify their financial needs. Lynn Kiser said the **Montesano Food Bank** served 130 families in July. Recent donations from the car show and St. Marks, plus the upcoming Montesano Food Bowl contributions will meet the Food Bank's current needs. Tony Airhart, **Coastal Harvest** director, reported that they serve 45 food banks and seven feeding programs in seven counties serving 40,000 per month. He said there are never enough financial donations – they provide 80% of the food for food banks. Operating dollars are needed. For example, their electric bill is \$2,000 per month. It costs \$2.05 per mile for a semi-truck plus the driver. He added that a tour of church members would be welcome. Laurel, **Union Gospel Mission**, reported that their numbers are up 800 on meals and down 475 on shelter. People are sleeping outside and this will change in September. Funding has been very difficult for over a year. Their staff is down by five – two of those were laid off. They are paying bills month to month. They have never seen it so difficult for so long. Laurel added that their director would be happy to talk to our church group. Bonnie explained the role and funding sources for the **Childrens Advocacy Center**. She will contact them about their current financial needs. She will also check on the financial needs of **Camp Victory**. John suggested inviting the Ministerial Association to hear a report from the Mission director. Discussion followed. **Jim moved that \$500 Outreach be donated to the Union Gospel Mission and \$500 to Coastal Harvest. The motion was seconded and carried.** John volunteered to check on possible financial need at the **Montesano Senior Center**. Lorraine noted that the Ministerial Association has funding to cover their needs.

**Funds for Seminary** – It was agreed to send \$1,000 to the Episcopal Divinity School for Sarah Monroe. Jim presented the options of sending the \$1,000 to the Seminary or paying her insurance bill when it comes. In addition, there is one church member's donation of \$250 for Sarah so far. **The Bishop's Committee agreed to support Sarah with a \$1,000 scholarship for her medical costs for this semester.** At a later date, the Committee will review her support need for the 2011 school year. Sarah will be required to travel to Seattle for BACOM (Bishop's Advisory Committee for Ordained Ministry) and the \$250 donation could be used for this expense.

The Clergy Discretionary Fund has a balance of \$490, down from over \$1000 two years ago. Jim would like this to be a budget expense line item starting next year, to provide some new funding.

Jim will pay \$25 for Montesano Booster advertising.

**Funds Summary**—Total is \$17,037.38

- Checking Account—\$5,433.50
- Savings Account—517.82
- Memorial Fund--\$980.05
- Diocesan Investment Fund--\$9,612.60
- Clergy Discretionary Fund--\$493.41

The Finance Report was accepted as presented.

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

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

- **Children's Bible Camp (July 12-16, 2010)** – Lorraine reported that 19 pre-school children attended on the peak day. A total of 170 children participated – the largest number ever! In the pre-school group, there were eight adult helpers and five consistent youth helpers. Unusual events during the week included a very bloody nose and a police lock-down.
- **Annual Rummage Sale (August 7, 2010)** – Total revenue from the sale was \$931, \$200 more than last year.
- **Annual Picnic at Avery's (August 29)** – St. Luke's Elma will participate. Jim suggested that we purchase plates and plastic utensils and provide coffee/other drinks (as needed). This will be Sarah's last day before leaving for seminary.
- **TCM Retreat (October 2)** – The Retreat will be held at St. Johns, Olympia. Bonnie added that anyone can attend.
- **Blessing of the Pets Sunday (October 3)** – Last year 16 dogs came.
- **Pre-Convention Meeting (October 9)** – This will be held at St. Johns, Olympia.

- **Diocesan Convention (October 29-30)** – This year’s Convention will be held at the Sea-Tac Hilton. Registration is \$25 per person which includes a meal. The Conventions starts on Friday at 1:00 pm. Jim estimates the cost for us will be \$700-800 this year.
- **Halloween (October 31)** – No comments.

**Sound System Status (Jim for Kevin)** – Kevin purchased a lavalier microphone so people have an option of using it or a head microphone. Jim suggested working with Bonnie and Lorraine for the best volume settings of the microphones (both headset and lavalier), as each uses a different one. Unfinished items include speakers for Calder Hall, upstairs and by the organ. Currently, we have \$1,000 in expenses for upgrades for the system. Kevin did a great job of developing the new sound system for St. Marks.

**Parking Signs for Rear Parking Area** – Jim has obtained a design and cost for 4 signs (18” x 12”)—about \$80, for this area. The need was discussed. Jim will order the signs which say “Welcome to St. Mark’s/Parking.”

**Vicar’s Report** – Lorraine noted that those needing to be checked on are Dorothy McMeekan and Bob Sagen. Lorraine gets more requests for funerals and weddings from those outside our church than within, because of her long life in this community. We need to honor the Methodist Church’s 150th anniversary on September 18 and 19. A thank you note is needed for the Stewart Family for their donations to the Rummage Sale.

Bonnie reported that she is continuing to go to Montesano Health and Rehabilitation. She did Jail Ministry this month and attended a Stewardship Conference in Indianapolis. Bonnie is also starting another Resurgent Church group with Vancouver, WA area churches, and the Diocese of Oregon. She is also on the Nominating Committee for the Diocesan Convention.

**Other Items – Handicap Accessible Parking Pad** – Jim is continuing to work with Scott Martin for a cost estimate.

The next Bishop’s Committee meeting will be Wednesday, September 15, at 6:30 pm.

The Lord’s Prayer was recited.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Krug,  
Bishop’s Committee Secretary