

**ST. MARK'S
BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MINUTES
April 24, 2013**

Present: John Tennefoss, Lorraine Dierick, Jim Campbell (via telephone), Bonnie Campbell, Mary Venske, Kevin Varness, and Martha Krug.

Bonnie opened the meeting with a prayer.

The **Bishop's Committee Minutes: Kevin moved to approve the minutes of March 13, 2013. The motion was seconded and carried.**

The **Treasurer's Report:** Jim presented the **Summary of St. Mark's Finances – 4/22/2013, and the 2013 Operating Bills and Outreach Summary.** Jim reviewed the Summary and reported that St. Mark's is in the black currently. Bonnie has a check to be signed for expenses for ink and the Clergy Conference. Pledges and plate have been on track and DIF (Diocesan Investment Fund) increased \$1,000 for the month. \$542 from All Saints is in the DIF until later in the year for use with Montesano High School. Net Operating Year to Date is \$380.63. April utilities will be the last high bills until late fall.

Outreach: Jim noted that Outreach is current. Willapa Region will be paid next month, and Bible Camp has already been paid for. The issue of the stove/griddle is pending. **Kevin moved to approve the Treasurer's Report which was seconded and carried.**

Funds Summary—Total is \$24,577.51

- General/Designated Checking Account—\$1,854.65
- General/Designated Savings Account—\$518.49
- Operating Fund (General) - \$3,027.12
- History Book Fund (Designated) - \$-653.98
- Seminary/Education Fund (Designated) - \$0.00
- Memorial Fund/Savings Account -\$985.92
- Diocesan Investment Fund--\$20,806.27
- Clergy Discretionary Fund/Checking Account -\$412.18

BUSINESS ITEMS

- **Willapa Region Meeting (May 19, at St. Mark's)** – The meeting will be held at St. Mark's at 2:00 pm. Bonnie will attend.
- **Status of Sarah Monroe's Ordination** – Sarah and Bishop Greg decided to delay her Ordination for one year. Sarah will soon be in Boston for graduation and defending her dissertation. Bonnie has notified the seamstress to put Sarah's vestments on hold.
- **Special Topic – Discussion About Focus of our Worship, Preaching and Ministry.** At the March 13 Bishop's Committee meeting, Jim presented a packet of articles about the United States and local church congregations addressing "the

number of Americans with no religious affiliation which continues to rise.” Continuing that topic, Jim developed a demographic context/comparison with other local, county and state regions in the United States. “This allows us to clearly know how we stand here in comparison to elsewhere, which may also affect what we think about in terms of unique things to do and changes to make to connect with new people not at St. Mark’s now.” Life situations impact spiritual life. Jim asked that we look at where the church is now and what we see in the future. Montesano has the highest income average in Grays Harbor County, the least ethnic diversity, and is older on average. Grays Harbor’s health statistics are the worst in the state. Seventy percent of the population in Grays Harbor is unaffiliated with any church compared to about 35% statewide and 50% in the total US.

John said if St. Mark’s had a Bible DVD it could be used to introduce the community to the church and suggested the five-part series on “The Bible.” Jim noted that a lot of people know nothing about Christianity. The program could be advertised on St. Mark’s sign board. Bonnie said it is something to try.

Jim presented additional articles on kids leaving the church and asked the Committee to think about things we can do to promote positive change. Martha pointed out that people in the pews have all levels of religious backgrounds. Bonnie said classes for newcomers could be addressed. Jim noted that some churches have orientation for new people. John advocated for giving testimonials. Jim will check on the DVD, “The Bible”, and see about a plan for it. Lorraine commented that St. Marks use to have Bring a Friend to Church Sunday.

- **Priest Reports** – Lorraine provided pastoral care at the monthly birthday celebration at Montesano Health and Rehabilitation, presided at a celebration of life at the Montesano Moose Lodge, and served at jail ministry. Lorraine said her surgery is pending. Bonnie added that May, June, and possibly July are covered in Lorraine’s absence. A supply priest could be available for July. Bonnie attended the Clergy Conference with Lorraine, attended Clergy Day yesterday, and attended BACOM (Bishop’s Advisory Commission on Ministry) where they are reviewing applicants that want to be ordained.
- **Other** – Lorraine asked if it is possible to have her class reunion at St. Mark’s. **Kevin moved that no fee be charged for the class reunion, which as seconded and carried.** John would like to present information on church music during a worship service. Bonnie said there will be a Diocesan Festival on Saturday, May 18, at St. Mark’s Cathedral. We could get a group together to attend the Festival.

The next Bishop’s Committee meeting will be Wednesday, June 19, at 6:30 pm. John closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Krug,
Bishop’s Committee Secretary