

**ST. MARK'S  
BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MINUTES  
July 15, 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 June 10, 2009, were approved as corrected.

The **Treasurer's Report:** Jim presented and reviewed the **Summary of St. Mark's Finances – 7/14/2009, St. Mark's Montesano Finance Report 2009, 2009 Outreach Summary, and June and July 2009 Transaction Summaries.** Jim reported that the Operating Revenues vs. Expenses now show a surplus of over \$1400. Monthly bills are currently paid. The Diocesan Investment Fund (DIF) report received after the report was printed increased for the third month in a row, by \$4. Pending outreach items were reviewed briefly.

**Funds Summary—Total is \$10,567.98 (Previous month--\$10,071.47)**

- Checking Account—\$2,785.24 (Previous month--\$2,375.64)
- Savings Account--\$517.45 (Previous month--\$517.39)
- Memorial Fund--\$474.98 (Previous month--\$474.88) (\$200 is for the Windows fund)
- Diocesan Investment Fund--\$5,631.09 (end of June report not received yet)
- Clergy Discretionary Fund--\$1,159.22 (Previous month--\$1,209.22)

The Finance Report was accepted.

The latest report of the Diocesan Council was provided as information.

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

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

- **Children's Bible Camp (July 6-10)** – The just completed event was really great. St. Mark's had 21 kids in the preschool age part of the 147 kids participating this year. Lorraine said the Camp theme worked well. There was provided to each church a CD with about 180 pictures taken during the event. Jim said he placed a link to a short article and a few pictures of the event on our website.
- **Worship Space/Services Project Status** – We talked about the ideas summary provided by Jim, and John said we should clearly state the overall

purpose of all changes on the summary. It was agreed to update the summary and provide it to the congregation the next two Sundays and in the August newsletter, and to do the first set of changes during August and September as a trial. Those changes are: creating a baptismal area in the back of the church with the font and paschal candle, remove the two modesty screens in the front of the nave, and move the lectern down into the nave at the right front. Rev. Janet Campbell will come on Sunday, August 16 to participate in our worship and meet with the congregation to discuss all of the change ideas.

- **Monthly Church Potluck (July 22)** – it will be at the Campbells, with a barbecue (weather permitting).
- **Church Picnic w/St. Luke's (August)** – Bonnie talked to Joan Niemann about other things and determined they are really struggling and focused on Margaret's health issues, so we should decide to do something ourselves, if we have a picnic at all.
- **Rummage Sale (September 11/12?)** – We discussed about when to have the sale, Friday and/or Saturday. Lorraine said that after about 1pm on Friday things die off and it seems right to finish up the sale. Jim said it seems frustrating to work all week to set up the sale and have it only for a few hours. Saturday as a second day was suggested, but Lorraine said that has been tried with little success. It was agreed to start telling people to bring their donated items in and store them upstairs.
- **Bishop Visit (September 6)** – In preparation for Bishop Greg's visit, we began discussing the Mission Insite demographics for Montesano (summary provided by Jim). It was agreed to publish this in the August newsletter, and the congregation can discuss this in August. Also discussed was the visit customary and what we need to do to be fully ready for the visit. More information will be published in the August newsletter about baptism, confirmation, reception, and re-affirmation of faith to help people decide how to participate that day.

## **OTHER ITEMS**

**Monthly Newsletter/Calendar** – Jim reported that he is working on an enhanced newsletter each month, with 4 to 6 sides with more information about the church and its events.

**Stewardship Planning** – Jim brought in some information on stewardship from attending the recent Stewardship Conference on June 20<sup>th</sup> at St. John's, Kirkland. A plan to have a stewardship "campaign" of newsletter articles from September to

November, the pledge cards ingathering on the Sunday after Thanksgiving, and thank you letters to everyone participating was approved.

The next Bishop's Committee meeting will be Wednesday, August 19th, at 6:30 pm.

The closing prayer was offered.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Campbell for Martha Krug,  
Bishop's Committee Secretary