

**ST. MARK'S
BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MINUTES
March 18, 2009**

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

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

The **Bishop's Committee Minutes:** The minutes of January 14, 2009, were prepared by Jim Campbell for Martha Krug. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes. The motion carried. The February 18, 2009, meeting was not recorded due to a lack of quorum.

The **Treasurer's Report:** Jim presented and reviewed the **Summary of St. Mark's Finances – 3/18/2009, St. Marks Montesano Finance Report 2009, 2009 Outreach Summary, and February and March 2009 Transaction Summaries.** Jim reported that more was spent than taken in due to the extra expense in Worship for candles and sanctus lights. However, cash flow is fine. The Clergy Conference fees for Bonnie and Lorraine were \$270 each which was prepaid to take advantage of a \$30 discount for each fee. Jim moved that St. Mark's pay for the Clergy Conference cost, excluding lodging. The motion was seconded and carried. The expense for altar candles and sanctus candles was over \$600. Jim commented that we need to clarify the aumbry location which needs to be near the sanctus candle. Alternate options should be reviewed. The Diocesan Investment Fund dropped by almost one-third due to market conditions in the past 10 months. If St. Mark's had not used its DIF funds for improvements and just left them in the DIF, \$11,000 would have been lost.

Funds Summary—Total is \$8,040.05

- Checking Account—\$863.93
- Savings Account--\$517.32.
- Memorial Fund--\$474.29. (\$200 is for the Windows fund)
- Diocesan Investment Fund--\$4,963.68
- Clergy Discretionary Fund--\$1,220.54.

Sunday Offering Counters-Jim said the bank deposit needs to be done by two people with the deposit total entered into the book with initials. This procedure is in response to St. Mark's audit and has been implemented. Jim added that John Nemes, St. Luke's, may do St. Mark's annual audit.

2009 Outreach – Outreach for January, February, and March was prioritized for payment: (1) Montesano Food Bank - \$600, (2) Domestic Violence Center - \$75, (3) Salvation Army - \$100, and (4) Union Gospel Mission - \$200. Lorraine commented that the Montesano After School Program needs evidence of community support. St. Mark's

contributed \$100 in 2008 and that amount is designated for 2009. It was noted that Jim, John, and Martha are chaperoning the After School swimming program at the YMCA.

The Finance Report was accepted.

BUSINESS ITEMS

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

- **Annual Church Meeting (February 22)** – Finances were presented and reviewed. John Tennefoss and Martha Krug were confirmed as 2009 Convention delegates, and Chris Boardman announced that she is no longer able to serve on the Bishop's Committee. A new committee member will be recruited.
- **Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Day (Feb 24)** – Pancake Day was considered a big success by all. Profits of \$1,085 were donated to Coastal Harvest. Lorraine said it is difficult to keep track of hams in the oven – some dry out. Jim said it is difficult at the end of Pancake Day, 6:30 pm, to clean up when AA arrives at 7:00 pm. Some Pancake Day guests arrive at 6:30 pm. Jim suggested "dressing up" the exterior of St. Mark's for Pancake Day. Other ideas mentioned were having music and having the pancake batter mixed in the dining room.
- **Ash Wednesday (Feb 25)** – The service was nice, the food was good, and it snowed. There were ten participants.
- **Lent Plans (March-April)** – Lorraine said St. Mark's will host St. Luke's for Maundy Thursday and a menu needs to be planned. Suggesting the program "Seven Last Words of Christ," Lorraine will discuss this with St. Luke's. Hand washing, as well as foot washing, are options. The Montesano Presbyterian Church will host the community Good Friday service. Jim will prepare a mailing for Easter Sunday, April 12. Easter may include baptism (to be determined), and an Easter Egg Hunt.

Church Website (Jim) – John reported that Corby is excited about St. Mark's website content with a total of nine pages. Jim said it can be reached at stmarksmonte.com. Links are available about all aspects of the church and worship and may include recent sermons.

Signs and Smoke Detectors – Jim has installed signs for each EXIT and FIRE EXTINGUISHER to help St. Mark's be compliant about safety issues. The smoke detectors are adequate for the facility. John suggested having a "fire drill." Bonnie highlighted the need for "restroom" signs which would make access easier for guests.

Worship Space/Services Project Status – Bonnie commented that Reverend Janet Campbell (no relation) is a good liturgist and she is willing to come to St.

Mark's for expenses (mileage and lodging, if necessary). She could look at the worship space, suggest inexpensive changes, and facilitate a better worship experience with the congregation. She is available in June and July on Sunday. She could also come once or twice for a weekday meeting. John offered her a place to stay in his home. It was agreed to pursue this suggestion.

Vicar's Report – Lorraine noted that Montesano Health and Rehabilitation was shut down for two weeks due to the flu. She provided an update on Wanda's post-surgery condition and she wants to connect with Bob Sagen. A decision needs to be made about Maundy Thursday. Corby will preach on Easter and will need to know about baptisms. Bonnie would like to do an instructed Eucharist and Bishop Greg thinks this should be done annually. Lorraine commented that it is difficult to find a good instruction. Bonnie will research this.

Other Inputs – John asked if follow-up is provided for new visitors. Mike Morrissey's research was discussed. John commented that we should be able to review his research about St. Mark's.

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

The closing prayer was offered by Jim.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Krug,
Bishop's Committee Secretary