

**ST. MARK'S  
BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MINUTES  
September 21, 2011**

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

John opened the meeting with a Day by Day reading and prayer needs.

**The Bishop's Committee Minutes: Kevin moved to approve the minutes of August 17, 2011. The motion was seconded, and carried.**

**The Treasurer's Report:** Jim presented the **Summary of St. Mark's Finances – 9/19/2011, St. Mark's Montesano Finance Report 2011, Transaction Summary August and September 2011, and the 2011 Operating Bills and Outreach Summary.** Jim reviewed the Summary and reported a net operating surplus of \$1,062.04. Everything is paid including the medical insurance for our seminarian, Sarah Monroe. The gift for Jeff's lawn service will be determined. There will be a bill of \$20.30 from Kaufer's for wafers. Total plate/pledges are down slightly. The DIF (Diocesan Investment Fund) was up 7% in April and May – currently it is even for the year, up \$1. \$200 received from St. Stephen's, Oak Harbor for the keyboard is in the Seminarian Education fund. These funds could be moved. The Discretionary fund increased by \$150 for funeral services, plus \$100 for Bonnie's time and effort. Expenses for the remainder of the year include lawn service, Diocesan Convention, and utilities. Outreach shows a balance of \$878, of this amount \$75 is designated for the Domestic Violence Center, \$600 for the Food Bowl, and birthday cakes for Montesano Health and Rehabilitation. We will look at the Outreach balance in December. Jim and Lee installed a new faucet in the sacristy.

John asked about the cost of the upcoming Diocesan Convention. Jim said the total cost will be approximately \$500 which equals \$100 per person. The hotel room is \$89 plus tax for two people, and the Convention fee is \$25 per person. **Kevin moved to accept the Financial Report which was seconded and carried.**

Jim reported that **St. Mark's 2010 audit** has been completed.

**Funds Summary**—Total is \$18,015.71

- Checking Account—\$3,946.12
- Savings Account—518.16
- Memorial Fund--\$984.29
- Diocesan Investment Fund--\$12,031.59
- Clergy Discretionary Fund--\$535.34

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

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

- **Annual Church Picnic (August 21, 2011)** – Kevin reported that the picnic was great. It was held inside the church, all the windows were opened, and everyone enjoyed the event. There were a good number of visitors from Shelton and Elma. There was also a rededication service of worship space changes over the past two to three years at St. Marks.
- **Rhonni LaCroix Presentation about Kenya Trip (August 28, 2011)** – It was a good presentation.
- **TCM Meeting at St. John's, Olympia (August 30, 2011)** – Jim reported that most TCM churches were represented at the meeting. Diocesan staff was present and there was a good exchange of information. The Commission on Ministry wants to better understand the TCM process. Greg will limit the number going through COM to be aligned with positions available. Lorraine commented that there needs to be an understanding that TCM shares the body of knowledge among their circles, not in each person. Jim wants to see a broad understanding of the TCM process.
- **Wine into Water Fundraiser** – A fall date for the fundraiser could not be identified due to conflicts. John asked if it would be possible to identify a date in the spring. Jim noted that \$250 was donated to Wine into Water from Pancake Day donations. It was suggested that more information be secured to target a date in the spring. Jim said he can discuss this event with churches that have already held it.
- **Diocesan Retirement Homes Presentation (September 25, 2011)** – Christy Hammrich will make the presentation at St. Marks, and Jim had this information on St. Mark's web site.
- **Diocesan Pre-Convention Meeting (October 1, 2011, 9:30 am, Longview)** – Due to a conflict, St. Mark's team will attend the October 8 meeting at St. James, Kent. Resolutions will be discussed, as well as nominations for the Convention.
- **Bless Pets Sunday (October 2, 2011)** – Jim will make cards to distribute, a cake will be ordered, and the event will be advertised in the newspaper and on St. Mark's sign board. It will also be on the Facebook web site. Kevin noted that there is a pet program at Stafford Creek Prison, and he is seeking more information about it.
- **Projects Status** – Jim reported that the **back entry rails** have been repaired and painted at a cost of about \$20. **New faucets and supply line** have been

installed in the sacristy at a cost of about \$75. The paint on the outside **steeple base** looks okay for now. An estimate is needed on patching and painting the **sanctuary ceiling**. Kevin said he has people in mind to prepare and complete (scrape out, frame up, and pour) the **concrete handicapped parking pad**. Cost was discussed. In 2006 the concrete project cost \$1,900. Kevin said he found someone to scrape the area free of charge. Jim indicated that DIF funds could be used if needed. It was agreed to spend up to \$1,500 for the project. The City of Montesano will loan St. Marks handicapped marking painting templates for the project.

**Vicar's Report** – Lorraine officiated at a wedding August 24 at Seabrook, and it was very nice. The monthly birthday cake will be presented at Montesano Health and Rehabilitation on September 27 at 2:00 pm. Lorraine said she is presiding as vice president at the Ministerial Association meetings. The community Thanksgiving service will be held at Calvary Chapel in Montesano. The Presbyterian Children's Choir will perform. Lorraine sat with Vernice Trenckmann and said final prayers for her. Her funeral service will be at the Satsop Cemetery, Friday, September 23, at 11:00 am. Lorraine will preside over the graveside service.

**Other** – Kevin noted that Halloween falls on Monday this year. He suggested hosting the event as usual.

The next Bishop's Committee meeting will be Wednesday, October 19, at 6:30 pm. The meeting was closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha Krug,  
Bishop's Committee Secretary