

**ST. MARK'S
BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MINUTES
November 17, 2010**

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

Lorraine opened the meeting with prayer, and prayer needs were shared.

The **Bishop's Committee Minutes:** Kevin moved to approve the minutes of October 20, 2010. The motion was seconded and carried

The **Treasurer's Report:** Jim presented the **Summary of St. Mark's Finances – 11/16/2010, St. Mark's Montesano Finance Report 2010, Transaction Summary October and November 2010, and the 2010 Operating Bills and Outreach Summary.** Jim reviewed the Summary. Currently there is a \$1,503 surplus, virtually the same as last month. The Diocese assessment has been paid through year end (one month ahead). We are up-to-date on budgeted expenses. Jim projects that the budget will come out about even at the year's end, including if approving about \$1,500 to be transferred to DIF at the end of calendar year 2010. The DIF savings fund increased about \$900 during the past two months.

Jim presented an initial draft of the **2011 Budget for St. Mark's**, and it can be discussed and approved next month. The Actuals column for 2010 are a projection. The 2011 Revenue projection is slightly lower than 2010. In 2005, Revenue was \$16,722 and in 2010 it will be about \$27,000.

Outreach Plans - Jim reported that the remaining Outreach budget is about \$1,600, and Martha reviewed the remaining Outreach requests for 2010. Bonnie reported on the **Children's Advocacy Center's** need for revenue. Discussion followed. **Kevin moved to donate \$600 to the Montesano Food Bowl, \$300 to the Children's Advocacy Center, \$250 for the Union Gospel Mission, \$50 to American Friends in Jerusalem, \$250 for Camp Victory, \$50 for Christmas for Kids in Grays Harbor, and \$100 for the Salvation Army. The motion was seconded and carried.**

Funds Summary—Total is \$17,069.59

- Checking Account—\$4,509.93
- Savings Account—517.90
- Memorial Fund--\$981.29
- Diocesan Investment Fund--\$10,567.06
- Clergy Discretionary Fund--\$493.41

BUSINESS ITEMS

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

- **Diocesan Convention (October 29-30)** – Next year’s Convention will be held in Lynnwood, Washington. Martha encouraged that we get some new delegates from St. Mark’s congregation to participate—a real positive experience.
- **Halloween (October 31)** – Jim commented that this year’s Halloween for Kids event at St. Mark’s was the best we have had. Lorraine highlighted AA’s participation in the event.
- **AA Awareness Sunday (November 7)** – Jim said he really appreciated Ruth and Ray Adams, and Robin and Mary Fran Hopkins, for their CASA (Committee on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse) presentation and sermon. Better use of our church’s sound system was discussed. Kevin pointed out that asking people to speak up is very appropriate.
- **Christmas Planning (December 19 and 24)** – Prior to Montesano’s Festival of Lights, St. Mark’s outside lights will be put up and the small fake tree with lights will be displayed on the upstairs landing. On December 19, the church will be decorated for Christmas including hanging a white and gold drape on the sanctuary rafters. Memorial poinsettias will be purchased for display. The Christmas Eve service will be at 5:00 pm and AA meets that evening at 7:00 pm.

Future Plans for St. Mark’s Development – Jim would like to explore ways to attract new people to St. Mark’s. Jim provided Montesano Demographics and a graph of Participation and Giving Trends at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, 1999-2009. Kevin asked why it isn’t our goal to get our present and ex-members to attend church? Bonnie said it seems to be a trend that most people don’t take the time to come to church. People rotate attendance. Forty people are on the rolls, some of those attending one to two times a year. John suggested a campaign of “bring a member to church.” Jim suggested visiting/calling members who do not attend much or anymore. Kevin suggested personally inviting everyone to the Christmas Eve service, followed by a written invitation. Martha suggested encouraging people to attend the monthly potluck after church. Kevin suggested giving out fuel cards.

Vicar’s Report – Bonnie reported that she has started a Resurgent Church Project to determine if there is space for planting on the south side of St. Mark’s. This involves determining the property line and then deciding what to do with it.

Lorraine has been taking communion to Dorothy once a week, participating in Jail Ministry, and taking a monthly birthday cake to Montesano Health and Rehabilitation. She promoted the Wine Into Water project for St. Mark’s through Episcopal Relief and Development. Inviting the community to a wine tasting party was discussed. Lorraine said Advent booklets are now available.

Other Items – Jim called the PUD about St. Mark’s five large maple trees that need pruning. The PUD has three crews that do the work, and they are on an eight-year cycle. Caution was advised about discussing the issue with the City of Montesano. Jim noted that Kevin and Jeff did a great job raking St. Mark’s leaves.

The next Bishop's Committee meeting will be Wednesday, December 15, at 6:30 pm.
Bonnie closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Krug,
Bishop's Committee Secretary