

**ST. MARK'S  
BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MINUTES  
October 16, 2013**

Present: Lorraine Dierick, John Tennefoss, Jim Campbell (via telephone), Kevin Varness, and Mary Stubb.

Lorraine opened the meeting with a prayer.

The **Bishop's Committee Minutes: The June 19, August 21, and September 18, 2013 minutes were approved.**

The **Treasurer's Report:** Jim presented a **Summary of St. Mark's Finances – 10/13/2013, and the 2013 Operating Bills and Outreach Summary.** Jim reported a Net Operating Year-to-Date surplus of \$7,268.

The balance in DIF (Diocesan Investment Fund) is still \$21,262, up over \$2,600 for the calendar year (no monthly update report yet). Jim noted that expenses have been super low this summer.

**Outreach:** With just more than half of 2013 Outreach spent, \$2,200 remains in this category. **Following discussion, it was agreed to donate a total of \$150 for Union Gospel Mission, \$150 for the Domestic Violence Center, \$750 for the Montesano-Elma Food Bowl in December, and add \$102 to the special offering on Pets Blessing Sunday to provide \$100 each for the local GH PAWS agency and also for Freedom Tails.** This leaves about \$1000 left to distribute at the early December BC meeting.

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

- **Blessing of Pets (Sunday, October 6)** – 14 humans attended, plus 10 dogs, a cat, and a bird. All were blessed and enjoyed treats after the service.
- **Kitchen Improvements** – Kevin and Jim provided updates on research into griddles and other possible kitchen upgrades—new water heater, refrigerator, etc. The plan is to gather whatever we can for inputs and pull together a proposal, along with possible costs and a timeline for the next BC meeting.
- **Diocesan Convention Plans/Expenses** -- Jim reviewed the next Convention information (November 9-10 at the Murano Hotel in Tacoma). It was agreed that Lorraine, Bonnie, John, Mary and Jim would attend (and that Martha would also be asked if she wanted to attend as an alternate). Jim said he would get the registration with fees sent in quickly. He also will bring a Saturday meal form for input next Sunday to get filled out and sent in. Jim also proposed (and it was accepted) that the group stay offsite in Des Moines at the much less expensive Marina Inn motel, and that the Friday evening meal be at Anthony's nearby instead of the Convention dinner. Expenses for Convention should be much less than budgeted.
- **Church Insurance Facility Review** – Kevin reported on the recent review of our facility by Church Insurance, and brought up the following advisory items to look at:

- Fire extinguishers need to be recharged or replaced, depending on ease to doing. The upstairs ones are plastics, and may be cheaper to replace.
- The wood accessible walkway in the rear needs to have some type of skid type surface added.
- The Exit Signs should all by some type of visible lighted versions, not just passive signs. There are supposed to be some self contained ones that do not need electrical wiring.

Kevin agreed to check into all of these items and report back.

The next Bishop's Committee meeting will be Wednesday, December 4, at 6:30 pm. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Campbell for Martha Krug,  
Bishop's Committee Secretary