

**ST. MARK'S
BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MINUTES
February 20, 2013**

Present: John Tennefoss, Lorraine Dierick, Jim Campbell (via telephone), Bonnie Campbell, Kevin Varness, and Martha Krug.

John opened the meeting with a prayer.

The Bishop's Committee Minutes: Kevin moved to approve the minutes of January 16, 2013. The motion was seconded and carried.

The Treasurer's Report: Jim presented the **Summary of St. Mark's Finances – 2/17/2013, and the 2013 Operating Bills and Outreach Summary.** Jim reviewed the Summary and noted a significant increase in surplus revenue of \$2,172 which includes \$1,300 from Pancake Day. In the last reporting period, revenue and expenditures matched. All bills are paid current. Jim noted the good start on revenue, meeting and beating revenue projections. If adjustments need to be made to the budget, that can be done at a later date. Surplus revenues includes Pancake Day expenses from Thriftway were \$163, still leaving a net of \$1,150, and the \$542 gift from All Saints, Bellevue.

Jim provided a quick recap of the budget categories:

- \$250 remaining in the Seminary Fund;
- DIF (Diocesan Investment Fund) now at \$19,493 compared to \$15,537 in January 2012;
- Discretionary fund balance \$671, which includes a \$200 donation at Pancake Day;
- History Book fund balance -\$653.98. Jim will research closing this account.

Kevin moved to approve the Finance Report for February 20, 2013. The motion was seconded and carried.

2013 Pledge Report: The 2013 Pledge Budget is \$17,000, while the pledges that came in later add up to about \$18,400. Jim suggests that we will probably have a reasonable surplus for CY 2013.

Outreach: Disposition of Gift from All Saints, Bellevue, and Pancake Day Proceeds. Kevin reported on **InvestED**, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization whose mission is to provide immediate help for secondary school students with the goal of encouraging students to stay in school or return to school. There are 50 pre-approved funding areas for principals and counselors to use on behalf of students. The school receives \$200 from InvestED, which is matched by other local donations. This school year, Montesano High School has received local donations from Grays Harbor Community Foundation (\$750) and \$200 from Jodesha Broadcasting Corporation. Kevin noted that after June the match starts over for the next school year, and he reviewed pathways for making donations. Discussion followed. Jim suggested putting the \$542 gift from All Saints into DIF to earn interest until this summer, contacting the school about InvestED at that time. **Kevin moved to authorize Jim to put \$542 into DIF. The motion was**

seconded and carried. Discussion followed on the distribution of \$1,150 in Pancake Day revenue. **Kevin moved to follow last year's formula and distribute three equal amounts to Coastal Harvest, Children's Advocacy Center, and the Montesano Food Bank. The motion was seconded and carried. Bonnie suggested rounding the amount up to \$400 each. The motion was amended accordingly.**

Other planned outreach was addressed. **Camp Victory** will have its first camp for boys, 5 to 11 years old, and Bonnie said funds are needed. Last year \$350 was donated to Camp Victory. **Kevin moved that \$250 be donated now to Camp Victory for Boys now, and another \$250 this summer for the Camp Victory for Girls in the fall. The motion was seconded and carried.**

Lorraine suggested ongoing support for the **Back Pack Project** which provides food for homeless youth on the weekends and is distributed through the school's counseling office. It is estimated that there are approximately 20 homeless youth in Montesano. Three local women are running this project, and they will be contacted to see what they need. Kevin said he would like to continue support for the Back Pack Project and InvestED.

John will check on the need at the **Montesano Community Center.** He reported that they are having an annual fund raiser in May which may meet their needs.

Regarding Sarah's financial need, she will make **one more trip to Boston in May for a final class and graduation from EDS, prior to her ordination as priest in June. Kevin moved to take the \$250 out of the Seminary Fund to help pay for her airfare. The motion was seconded and carried.** Jim added that funds are budgeted for Christian Education, and possibly some of this will be needed for Sarah's ordination.

Funds Summary—Total is \$25,565.94

- General/Designated Checking Account—\$3,896.62
- General/Designated Savings Account—\$518.46
- Operating Fund (General) - \$4,819.06
- History Book Fund (Designated) - \$653.98
- Seminary/Education Fund (Designated) - \$250.00
- Memorial Fund/Savings Account -\$985.90
- Diocesan Investment Fund--\$19,493.08
- Clergy Discretionary Fund/Checking Account -\$671.88

BUSINESS ITEMS

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

- **Pancake Day (February 12)** – Lorraine recapped the day, highlighted by the death of the large 74 year old griddle before we even got started that morning. Before the doors opened to the public the workers formed a prayer circle. Griddles were brought in from homes, and Kevin was flipping pancakes on both sides of the kitchen counters. The guests were patient and enjoyed socializing.

A large contingent of volunteers made the 102nd Pancake Day a great success. Volunteers from St. Timothy's helped serve at lunch time and youth volunteers from Montesano High School waited on tables during the dinner hour. (The regular oven was repaired today, February 20, at a cost of \$157 for a new thermostat plus tax. There was no charge for labor. B&B will check out the big griddle when it is convenient to do so.)

- **Ash Wednesday Service/Meal (February 13)** – Nineteen participated in the service, including guests from the Church of God and First Methodist Church. Homemade soup and bread were shared following the service. Bonnie and Lorraine offered "Ashes to Go" in front of the Montesano Post Office from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Four people stopped for ashes, one as a drive-by. Lorraine suggested some type of news article prior to next year's event. The event could also be announced at the Church of God and the First Methodist Church.
- **Annual Meeting (February 17)** – Lorraine commented that the meeting was well done. The issue of securing Convention delegates is pending.
- **Palm Sunday (March 24)** – Jim will research the source of last year's palms. Other resources were also discussed.
- **Easter Week (March 28-31)** – Bonnie commented that the Worship Team will address planning.
- **Other** – Lorraine received an e-mail, noting that not all congregations have met their reporting requirements. Congregations must comply to have a vote at the annual Convention. Lorraine reviewed the seven required reports. St. Mark's status was discussed, and Jim indicated that everything is good.
- **Priest Reports** – Bonnie noted that she had a long vacation, and Lorraine said she is pleased for her return. Next Tuesday, Martha and Lorraine will attend a day-long retreat with the Grays Harbor County Health and Human Services Advisory Board.

The next Bishop's Committee meeting will be Wednesday, March 13, at 6:30 pm. Lorraine closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Krug,
Bishop's Committee Secretary