

**ST. MARK'S  
BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MINUTES  
October 24, 2012**

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

Lorraine opened the meeting with a prayer.

**The Bishop's Committee Minutes: Jim moved to approve the minutes of August 15, 2012. The motion was seconded and carried.**

**The Treasurer's Report:** Jim presented the **Summary of St. Mark's Finances – 10/23/2012, and the 2012 Operating Bills and Outreach Summary.** Jim reviewed the Summary and noted a significant increase in surplus revenue of about \$3,300. Assuming revenue and expenses match projections for the remainder of the year, surplus revenue may range from \$2,100 down to \$1,500 depending on contributions through the rest of 2012. How much of this goes into our DIF will be determined at the end of the year. This year hardly anything has been spent on repairs. All bills are paid current, including Convention registration and the Friday night banquet for six. Expenses for the next two months will include increased utilities as the weather gets colder, year end outreach, and the Diocesan assessment. The DIF (Diocesan Investment Fund) is well up for the year, about \$1,400, to \$17,097. Discussion followed on revenue projections and outreach. Kevin noted that St. Mark's has done a lot this year. By the end of the year, we can reach a decision on final outreach given out and the final surplus to send to the DIF. Per plan, about \$2,050 remains to be distributed in Outreach, about \$1,450 after the \$600 to be given to the annual Monte-Elma Food Bowl. Jim requested that we think about budget items for 2013. The question will be the amount of 2013 revenue available. Pledge Sunday follows Thanksgiving. Jim noted that on Sunday, November 4, All Saints Day, he will speak at St. Benedicts in Lacey on All Saints and Stewardship, and Bonnie will do a similar sermon at St. Mark's.

The refurbished brass vases are ready to be picked up, along with a new red sanctuary light candle cover.

**Outreach:** Donations of \$226 from Blessing of the Pets Sunday will be distributed equally between PAWS and Freedom Tails.

**Funds Summary**—Total is \$24,414.44

- General/Designated Checking Account—\$5,302.42
- General/Designated Savings Account—\$518.41
- Operating Fund (General) - \$6,224.81
- History Book Fund (Designated) - \$653.98
- Seminary/Education Fund (Designated) - \$250.00
- Memorial Fund/Savings Account -\$985.75
- Diocesan Investment Fund--\$17,097.22
- Clergy Discretionary Fund/Checking Account -\$510.57

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

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

- **Annual Picnic (August 26)** – Bonnie advised that the picnic should not be scheduled on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday as this date does not work for St. Luke's to participate.
- **Pre-Convention Meeting (October 6)** – Lorraine reported that the meeting was well attended and business was accomplished.
- **Blessing of the Pets (October 7)** – Bonnie noted that the Worship Team will modify the litany for next year. Jim said everything seemed to go smoothly.
- **Sarah Monroe's Transitional Deacon Ordination (October 18)** – Bonnie reported that three of St. Mark's clergy (Bonnie, Lorraine, and Joyce) attended the Ordination at St. Mark's Cathedral in Seattle. Sarah was ordained a Transitional Deacon along with five men. Jim posted a photo of the Ordination on St. Mark's web site. The next Priest Ordination is scheduled for June 18, 2013.
- **Halloween (October 31)** – St. Mark's beautiful maple trees are dropping their leaves, and Kevin has already removed leaves three times. He reported that he will try to get the wet leaves raked up tomorrow and clear the sidewalk. Halloween treats will be given out at St. Mark's starting at 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm.
- **Total Common Ministry (TCM) Meeting (October 27)** – The meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lakewood, and Jim will attend with Bonnie and Lorraine.
- **Diocesan Convention (November 9 and 10)** – The 2012 Episcopal Convention will be held at the Sea-Tac Hilton Hotel. Those attending will be Bonnie, Lorraine, Mary, Martha (substituting for John), Jim, and Sarah. Bonnie reported that registration has been completed and lodging (two rooms) secured. Jim said Sarah has been registered to attend as a Deacon and her meal paid for by St. Mark's.

As a reminder, Jim said Bishop Greg will visit St. Mark's Montesano on January 6, 2013. Those wanting to be baptized or confirmed should contact Lorraine or Bonnie.

- **Helping Other Students in Need** – Corby gathered information about this program because some students drop out of school due to financial needs. The

Invested Education program matches funds up to \$500. Jim said we could explore this program for Outreach at the end of the year. The dollars are given to the school to distribute according to need.

- **Bible Study Plan** – Kevin reported that Corby purchased this Plan at a cost of \$130. It can be used on Sunday mornings for a bible study prior to the church service.
- **Priest Reports** – Lorraine made a \$75 donation from the Discretionary Fund for a family in need due to a serious illness. She delivered the funds to Beacon School. She sent \$35 to the Jail Ministry Program for New Testament Bibles and she took communion to John last Saturday. Bonnie reported that she is visiting the nursing home – three have been removed from the list due to illness or death.
- **Other Items** – Lorraine reported that the first batch of food has been collected for the Back Pack Program and distribution has started. Following the Montesano-Elma Food Bowl, Whitney's will be the collection site for the Back Pack Program.

Bonnie reported that at the last Ministerial Association meeting, it was suggested that each church donate an amount monthly. She noted that most requests come through the Ministerial Association and there could be a potential problem with one person making multiple requests for assistance. Lorraine explained that the need request limit from the MMA fund is \$75. Sometimes when the need is greater, the Association churches individually chips in.

Jim worked at last weekend's Cursillo in Bellingham. Mary Linth's center pieces were a big hit, as were Kevin's placemats design. Jim added that it was a wonderful weekend.

The next Bishop's Committee meeting will be Wednesday, November 28, at 6:30 pm. Bonnie closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha Krug,  
Bishop's Committee Secretary