

**ST. MARK'S  
BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MINUTES - Draft  
April 25, 2012**

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

John opened the meeting with a scripture reading and prayer needs.

**The Bishop's Committee Minutes: Kevin moved to approve the minutes of March 21, 2012, as amended. The motion was seconded and carried.**

**The Treasurer's Report:** Jim presented the **Summary of St. Mark's Finances – 4/22/2012, and the 2012 Operating Bills and Outreach Summary.** Jim reviewed the Summary, commenting that we are almost even for the year with everything paid current. Pledge revenue, about \$500 behind, is about normal for the year, and plate offerings are short \$250 so far. The DIF (Diocesan Investment Fund) balance is up \$1,300 for this year. Dish cloth and birthday fund revenues have been deposited to the Clergy Discretionary Fund. Gamblers Anonymous donated an additional \$70 for using Calder Hall on Saturday, April 14.

**Funds Summary**—Total is \$21,673.89

- Checking Account—\$2,745.27
- Savings Account—\$518.31
- Memorial Fund--\$985.49
- Diocesan Investment Fund--\$16,679.94
- Clergy Discretionary Fund--\$744.88

**Natalea's motion to approve the Financial Report was seconded and carried.**

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

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

- **Easter Week (April 1-8)** – Lorraine commented that it went well. Jim said the sanctuary looked very nice on Easter Sunday – Mary and Lorraine did a nice job on the flowers.
- **Clergy Conference (April 16-18) at Suncadia Resort, Cle Elum** – Lorraine requested that Gretchen Gunderson be sent a mileage check for \$45.36 for driving Lorraine and Joyce to the Conference. **A motion was approved to send at \$45.36 check to Gretchen.** One of St. Mark's History books was given to Presiding Bishop Katherine Jefferts-Schori. Bishop Katherine, Conference keynote speaker, discussed what the Episcopal Church could look like in the future? She encouraged trying new things. Participants broke out into small groups, a format that encouraged discussion. Lorraine said 173 people were registered at the Conference.

- **Mother's Day (May 13)** – Jim noted that cut flowers (roses?) are usually given out. John suggested asking the congregation to speak about their mothers. Candles were also suggested and posting Mother's Day on the reader board.
- **Pentecost Day (May 27)** – Wearing red, sharing Voices from Many Nations, and serving strawberries were mentioned.
- **Light Replacement for Parish Hall, Kitchen, Classroom** – Bonnie reported that she has an application from the PUD to upgrade lights in St. Mark's parish hall, kitchen, and classroom plus motion sensors. The estimates for the cost to replace 14 light fixtures in these areas is about \$1,000, plus up to an additional \$500 for an electrical contractor and a state L&I permit. The Dioceses may match the grant up to \$500 and the Diocesan application is due April 27, 2012. The PUD can also subsidize up to \$500 of the cost, leaving the potential cost to St. Mark's of just several hundred dollars. Bonnie said the PUD estimates St. Mark's electric bill cost savings at about \$77 per year. A potential future project is upgraded lighting in the Nave and Narthex. **Martha moved to approve submitting applications to the PUD and the Diocese for light replacement. The motion was seconded and carried.** Bonnie will submit the applications. If awarded, Lorraine said St. Mark's could be mentioned in the PUD's newsletter.
- **Evangelism Workshop (May 4-5), at Dumas Bay Retreat Center, Federal Way** – Lorraine feels that someone should represent St. Mark's at St. Timothy's Spring Craft/Pie Sale on May 5. St. Timothy's has supported St. Mark's Pancake Day with workers. Bonnie, Natalea, and Corby will go to St. Timothy's and Lorraine will attend the Evangelism Workshop. **Kevin moved to support Lorraine's cost of \$50 to attend the Workshop. The motion was seconded and carried.**
- **Comprehensive Strategic Review** – Jim reported that almost 1,600 participated in the Diocesan survey, a wonderful response. Jim saw the results, and they were very beneficial. The survey process will open up for another week and a half in May to get more responses.
- **Priest Reports** – During Jail Ministry in March, Lorraine reported one distraught woman asked for personal private counseling. Lorraine met with her on March 28 for about 1½ hours, followed by a 1½ hour visit with Bonnie on April 14. Bonnie provided the inmate with a referral for free counseling when she is released. Bonnie will send a Bible to another inmate utilizing Discretionary Funds.

Lorraine is a member of the Grays Harbor County Health and Human Services Advisory Board and was invited to participate in a Mental Health Quality Review. The area president of NAMI (National Association of the Mentally Ill) attended the review. NAMI supports education and awareness of mental health issues. A

NAMI speaker could be invited to make a presentation at St. Mark's and the event could be advertised. In the past, substance abuse speakers have been invited to St. Mark's. Discussion followed.

- Lorraine asked if St. Mark's will have an organized campaign for this year's **Diocesan project** to rebuild the cathedral in Haiti which was devastated by the earthquake. A \$10 donation from every member of the Diocese has been suggested, the equivalent of buying one brick each. Jim said there will be a gathering offering at Pentecost, which can be supplemented with church dollars if needed. Lorraine added that gift cards are available for the project.
- **Prayer List** – Revisiting the Prayer List report, Jim suggested only listing general categories for prayer needs: peace, employment, and healing.
- **Other Items** – Bonnie got an e-mail requesting two names of **congregational leaders** to attend a meeting on Wednesday, May 9, at St. John's regarding the evaluation of the Diocese.

On June 3, **Janet Campbell** will visit St. Mark's. In preparation, Lorraine will ask the congregation about liturgy. Kevin suggested that the Worship Committee could address this.

Lorraine noted that St. Mark's four **brass vases** are in very bad shape, and requested that the Altar Guild look into the cost of having them refurbished. Kevin asked about the significance of the brass vases. Both sets were given as memorials, one in 1939 and the other in 1979.

Martha reported that Elaine has suggested having an altar memorial flower sign up sheet for specific dates. Natalea said the memorial could include a potted plant.

The next Bishop's Committee meeting will be Wednesday, May 16, at 6:30 pm. The meeting was closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha Krug,  
Bishop's Committee Secretary