

**ST. MARK'S
BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MINUTES
October 20, 2010**

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

John opened the meeting, and prayer needs were shared.

The **Bishop's Committee Minutes:** Kevin moved to approve the minutes of September 15, 2010. The motion was seconded and carried

The **Treasurer's Report:** Jim presented the **Summary of St. Mark's Finances – 10/19/2010, St. Mark's Montesano Finance Report 2010, Transaction Summary September and October 2010, and the 2010 Operating Bills and Outreach Summary.** Jim reviewed the Summary. Currently there is a \$1,600 surplus, and we are up-to-date on budgeted expenses. Jim projects that we will have a small surplus by the end of year and \$11,500 in DIF. The DIF report for September is pending. Kevin moved to approve the Finance Report. The motion was seconded and carried.

Outreach Plans - Jim reported that \$1,914 is left to be paid for 2010 of which \$600 will be sent to the Food Bowl leaving an unencumbered balance of \$1,300. Bonnie will contact the **Children's Advocacy Center** about their current financial needs. She provided a brochure for **Camp Victory**. John reported on the financial need at the **Montesano Community Center** which serves lunch Monday through Friday. The Center's cost is \$1.50 per meal and two people generally cannot pay at each meal, and they work off their lunch cost. On average, 30 people are served per day. Odd Fellows generously support the program, only charging \$100 per month for space rental, including utilities. The Community Center would like to have their own building and John will contact the Gates Foundation for a grant application. A number of Bishop Committee members have visited the Center for lunch. Natalea said she likes to support local needs. Possible Outreach includes the Children's Advocacy Center, Camp Victory, and the Montesano Community Center. Kevin suggested supporting the Union Gospel Mission's holiday activities. **Kevin moved to make a one-time donation of \$300 to the Montesano Community Center for 2010. Discussion followed. The motion was seconded and carried.**

Jim reported that DIF sends a monthly interest check for a year-to-date total of \$145. Jim suggested reinvesting these funds in DIF, and the Committee agreed to this change.

Funds Summary—Total is \$16,080.85

- Checking Account—\$4,387.98
- Savings Account—517.90
- Memorial Fund--\$980.87
- Diocesan Investment Fund--\$9,700.69
- Clergy Discretionary Fund--\$493.41

BUSINESS ITEMS

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

- **TCM Retreat (October 1-2)** – The Retreat, attended by Bonnie and Jim, was held at St. Hugh, Allyn. Bonnie gave a presentation on the Stewardship Conference she attended in Indianapolis. Six of eight TCM congregations were represented at the Retreat.
- **Blessing of the Pets Sunday (October 3)** – Jim noted that a Blessing of the Pets video is now on our web site. Twelve dogs, one cat, and two birds attended. Bonnie also blessed Elaine's horse in proxy. April came with her two black labs. Natalea reported that the dogs were singing! The plate offering was \$154 which was split 50-50 between PAWS and Pawfect at Stafford Creek.
- **Pre-Convention Meeting (October 9)** – This was held at St. Johns, Olympia, and Rev. Jim Neal agreed to be the new Willapa Region representative.
- **Diocesan Convention (October 29-30)** – This year's Convention will be held at the Sea-Tac Hilton and starts on Friday at 1:00 pm. Lorraine noted that Jim Campbell is a candidate for General Convention and is also running for Standing Committee. John and Martha are Diocesan Convention delegates and Ann Williams is an alternate. Jim noted that there are only five resolutions on the agenda. Two of the resolutions are to allow diocesan actions for churches that do not pay their assessments, or loans, or get their reports in as required.
- **Halloween (October 31)** – St. Mark's will be open from 5:00 - 7:00 pm handing out treats. All Saints will be celebrated during worship that morning followed by a pot luck meal.
- **AA Awareness Sunday (November 7)** - Ruth Adams, and another couple representing CASA (Committee on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse), will make a presentation and give the sermon. Jim will notify the AA groups.
- **Community Thanksgiving (November 16)** – This year's event will be at 7:00 pm at the Presbyterian Church in Montesano.
- **Christmas Service (December 24)** – Discussion centered around the time of the service. It was agreed to try an early service at 5:00 pm to encourage families with children to come.

Stewardships Info from TENS (The Episcopal Network for Stewardship) Conference – Jim presented for Bonnie handouts with ideas about the concept for stewardship. Jim presented St. Mark's draft stewardship letter for 2011. Lorraine suggested listing St. Mark's 2010 Outreach recipients in the letter.

First Look at letter of Agreement for St. Mark's and Ministry Team and Leaders – Bishop Greg wants Letters of Agreement with each congregation in the Diocese, including Total Common Ministry churches. These Agreements will be reviewed and signed by the Bishop. The original draft is being worked on and this process may be completed by the end of the year. Jim added that the more we document what we do, the more helpful it will be to Bishop Greg. Bishop Greg also wants Property Use Agreements for groups using church facilities. Jim added that he would like to review the draft Property Use Agreement with Kevin.

Future Plans for St. Mark's Development – Jim would like to explore ways to attract new people to St. Mark's. Natalea suggested having an open meeting, adding that we need to get more people connected. This will be the focus of our next meeting and all ideas will be on the table. Lorraine added that other churches in our community are struggling, too.

Vicar's Report – Lorraine shared a donation plea from the Union Gospel Mission for coffee. The congregation will be asked to bring a can of coffee for a basket collection. Lorraine attended two workshops in the priory in Olympia through Continuing Education funding. Topics were Singing Meditatively at the Bedside, and Conversation with the Dying. Lorraine suggested purchasing specific booklets on Advent. It was agreed that small quantities could be ordered and available for those interested.

Other Items – Kevin would like to find a way to help Brad and Yo. Discussion followed.

The next Bishop's Committee meeting will be Wednesday, November 17, at 6:30 pm.

Mary closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Krug,
Bishop's Committee Secretary