

**ST. MARK'S
BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MINUTES
November 28, 2012**

Present: Lorraine Dierick, Jim Campbell (via telephone), Bonnie Campbell, and Kevin Varness. No quorum, so no voting for official business. Absent—Martha Krug (illness), John Tennefoss (home but still recovering from cancer surgery), Mary Venske (still recovering from knee surgery), and Natalea Brumfield (cannot drive at night—plans for future?)

Lorraine opened the meeting with a prayer.

The Bishop's Committee Minutes: The minutes of the October 24, 2012 meeting were reviewed and agreed to approve at the January 2013 meeting.

The Treasurer's Report: Jim presented the **Summary of St. Mark's Finances – 11/25/2012, and the 2012 Operating Bills and Outreach Summary.** Jim reviewed the Summary and noted a significant decrease in surplus revenue to about \$2,240. Assuming revenue and expenses match projections for the remainder of the year, surplus revenue will still 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 to the facility. Expenses for the last month will include the increased utilities as the weather gets colder, and year end outreach. The DIF (Diocesan Investment Fund) is still well up for the year, about \$1,300, to almost \$17,000. Detailed discussions followed on year end outreach. The agreed to distribution of the last \$2,000 is as follows:

\$750	Montesano-Elma Food Bowl
\$250	Union Gospel Mission
\$100	Camp Victory
\$100	Children's Advocacy Center
\$250	Amer. Friends, Epis-Jerusalem
\$100	Backpacks for Teens Ministry
\$100	Montesano Community Center
\$250	Episcopal Relief & Dev. (Sandy relief)
\$100	Christmas for Kids

Jim presented the draft budget for 2013. The question will be the amount of 2013 revenue available. Pledges from Pledge Sunday were up about 25% over last year (all 5 of them). Overall, to be conservative, the total pledge \$\$ used for the draft 2013 budget were considered to be only equal to 2012. The budget will be adjusted later and offered for approval in January 2013.

Funds Summary—Total is \$22,937.74 (last--\$24,414.44)

General/Designated Checking Account—\$4,007.67	(last--\$5,302.42)
General/Designated Savings Account--\$518.42	(last--\$518.41)
Operating Fund (General)--\$4,930.07	(last--\$6,224.81)
History Book Fund (Designated)--\$-653.98	(last--\$-653.98)
Seminary/Education Fund (Designated)--\$250.00	(last--\$250.00)
Memorial Fund/Savings Account--\$985.75	(last--\$985.75)

Diocesan Investment Fund--\$16,950.23 (last--17,097.22)
Clergy Discretionary Fund/Checking Account--\$475.57 (last--\$510.57)

BUSINESS ITEMS

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

- **Halloween (October 31)** – Many kids again visited the church for treats. Kevin did a great job getting the leaves removed, and getting the blow up items up for Halloween.
- **Total Common Ministry (TCM) Meeting (October 27)** – Good meeting with some Diocesan staff and several from the various TCM churches. New understanding of a hopeful future for the TCM program, with better clarity of what is needed for ordained vs. lay people. Jim and Bonnie and Lorraine attended.
- **Diocesan Convention (November 9 and 10)** – The 2012 Episcopal Convention was held at the Sea-Tac Hilton Hotel. Those attending--Bonnie, Lorraine, Mary, Martha (substituting for John), Jim, and Sarah. Jim said Sarah was 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 next year. The dollars are given to the school to distribute according to need.
- **Bible Study Plan** – Corby purchased a Plan at a cost of \$130. It can be used on Sunday mornings for a bible study prior to the church service. Jim and Elaine will start this the first Sunday of Advent.
- **Priest Reports** – Lorraine and Bonnie continue to visit the nursing home.
- **Other Items** –

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

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