

**ST. MARK'S
BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 18, 2011**

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

John opened the meeting with a short service of prayer.

The **Bishop's Committee Minutes: John approved the minutes of April 13, 2011, as read.**

The **Treasurer's Report:** Jim presented the **Summary of St. Mark's Finances – 5/16/2011, St. Mark's Montesano Finance Report 2011, Transaction Summary April and May 2011, and the 2011 Operating Bills and Outreach Summary.** Jim reviewed the Summary and reported a small surplus of \$274.61, and he expects surpluses to continue through the spring and summer months. Total energy expenditures are up \$300 over last year due to the cooler winter and spring this year. Current expenses are paid, and DIF (Diocesan Investment Fund) is up about \$800 for 2011. There will be a bill of \$100 for supplies to build a garbage/recycle containers platform in the back. Jim reviewed the bills. A check of \$77 for PawFect Connections from October 2010 was never cashed, and it was agreed to reissue this amount to PAWS.

Jim reported that **St. Mark's 2010 audit** is due by June 15. He will contact Becky Brown, St. Luke's treasurer, to determine their interest in shared auditing.

Community Bible Camp Support – Jim wrote a check for Community Bible Camp for \$220.

Outreach – Good Friday Offering and Camp Michael – The Bishop's Committee agreed to send the Good Friday plate offering of \$40 to ECUSA, and support Camp Michael with a check of \$100.

Archivist Conference in Portland in June – Jim will attend the Conference, June 16 and 17. Registration is \$90 and includes three meals. Jim will pay for lodging. Kevin moved to pay Jim's registration, and was agreed to without comment or a vote.

Jim shared an annual letter received from the Diocese showing it's (and therefore its congregations') tax exemption status.

Funds Summary—Total is \$18,093.59

- Checking Account—\$3,290.88
- Savings Account—618.05
- Memorial Fund--\$983.67
- Diocesan Investment Fund--\$12,839,65
- Clergy Discretionary Fund--\$361.34

BUSINESS ITEMS

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

- **TCM Retreat (April 15-16, 2011) at Christ Church, Anacortes** – Jim and Gretchen Gunderson, South Bend, attended the Retreat. Jim reviewed highlights which focused on elements of the church service. John indicated he is unhappy with the organ light. Lorraine suggested that he check with Rosevear's Music Center for options.
- **Palm Sunday/Easter Week Events (April 17-24, 2011)** – It was agreed that the Easter week events went great.
- **Mother's Day Events** – The red roses distributed to the congregation were beautiful. Lorraine conducted the service at St. Luke's, Elma, which went well.
- **Willapa Region Meeting (May 22, 2011)** – Kevin has set up the sound system for the meeting. Jim expects 25-30 participants at the meeting.
- **Montesano High Graduation (June 2011)** – Shawn Dierick and Marisa Lindley will be graduating from Montesano High School. John, Senior Warden, will present Bibles to these graduates and a special cake will be served on Sunday, May 22.
- **Montesano Community Bible Camp (July 2011)** – Camp will be July 11-15 and the theme will be the beach.
- **Annual Rummage Sale (August 2011)** – Last year's sale was on a Saturday. This year's sale will be Saturday, August 6th. Bonnie suggested that key dates in our church year be planned well ahead and be put on the Montesano ecumenical churches community calendar.
- **Wine into Water Fundraiser** – Jim noted that several large churches in Seattle have hosted this event and did very well. Jim suggested that we research our options, and he will contact these churches. Bonnie will contact the Westport Winery and Lorraine will contact Savory Faire. Perhaps September or October would be a good time to host this event. Lorraine suggested booking the Nelson Combo for the event. It was mentioned that Costco has appetizers that could be served.
- **Letter of Agreement (LOA)** – It was agreed that the Bishop's Committee will sign the LOA between the St. Mark's Worship Team and the Congregation and send it to the Bishop for signoff.
- **Spring/Summer Outdoor Projects** – Jim reviewed the list of issues to be worked that he distributed by e-mail on May 9. Items include: pave handicap

access space, handrails for front entrance, improve front parking spots, paint worship space ceiling, paint bell/steeple base, clean roof of moss, clean wall behind the altar, replace large speakers. Jim and Kevin will get plans for some of these soon, so they can be worked on with the upcoming good weather.

- **Altar Table/Flower Stands** – Jim and Jeff Williams have started working on the altar table, utilizing wood from the old privacy screens. Jim shared photos of the project so far, and will bring in more as the project proceeds. They have enough wood to build the flower stands, too.
- **Planting Area** – Bonnie reported that the 10 feet all along the south side of the church is available for planting. Two local Master Gardeners looked at the area and suggested plants that the deer will not eat. The possibility of a path, bench, or statue was suggested. It was also suggested that this could be a memorial garden. Bonnie said a garden plan could be laid out and completed in phases. John mentioned that maintenance should be considered. John suggested placing a bench for rest & meditation by the front sidewalk.

Vicar's Report – On Mother's Day, Lorraine conducted the Eucharist service at St. Luke's, Elma. Bonnie and Lorraine participated in the Jail Ministry and provided them with large print Day-by-Day booklets. Bonnie will participate in the last Diocesan Resurgent Church Group which will be planning for next year.

Other Items – None

The next Bishop's Committee meeting will be Wednesday, June 15, at 6:30 pm. The meeting was closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Krug,
Bishop's Committee Secretary