

**ST. MARK'S
BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MINUTES - Draft
March 21, 2012**

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

Kevin opened the meeting with a scripture reading.

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

The Treasurer's Report: Jim presented the **Summary of St. Mark's Finances – 3/18/2012, and the 2012 Operating Bills and Outreach Summary.** Jim reviewed the Summary, noting that revenue is short \$700 in pledges, and plate offerings are short \$250. There is enough revenue to cover normal bills and expenses. If the short fall continues for the year it would total \$4,000. St. Mark's heat pump was serviced along with the fireplace insert which lowered the electric bill right away. Jim commented that Martha suggested having the heat pump serviced annually to maintain optimum performance. All bills are paid current. Net Operating Year to Date is ahead \$253.83. The DIF (Diocesan Investment Fund) balance is \$16,429.92, an increase of almost \$900 this year.

Fifty-three St. Mark's History Books are still available for sale. Mary reported that Pat Clemens suggested having the book available for sale at the local Chehalis Valley Museum. Lorraine commented that the Museum should be given its own copy of the book.

Outreach – The only Outreach expenses to date were for three birthday cakes for Montesano Health and Rehabilitation.

After expenses, the Pancake Day revenue was \$1,053 and proceeds distribution was previously discussed at the February 15 meeting. Jim noted that Coastal Harvest is able to maximize dollars for the purchase of food. **Mary moved to distribute Pancake Day proceeds equally as follows: Children's Advocacy Center, \$350; Coastal Harvest, \$350; and the Montesano Food Bank, \$350. The motion was seconded and carried.**

The **Clergy Conference**, scheduled April 16-18, at Suncadia Resort, Cle Elum with the Diocese of Spokane, was discussed. Presiding Bishop Katherine Jefferts Schori will be the speaker. The total cost for three participants from St. Mark's is \$1,200 to \$1,300 plus mileage (the church now pays for the registration and mileage, the clergy pay their own motel rooms costs). Jim noted that he has already reimbursed expenses for Bonnie, Lorraine and Joyce for registration). Lorraine asked if the Diocese has scholarship money available for the Conference, and Jim said he will check with Chris at the Diocese.

Kevin said he prefers to look at the revenue each month and evaluate the situation, in terms of how to handle operating costs.

Funds Summary—Total is \$21,813.18

- Checking Account—\$3,167.59
- Savings Account—\$518.29
- Memorial Fund--\$985.37
- Diocesan Investment Fund--\$16,429.92
- Clergy Discretionary Fund--\$712.01

The motion to accept the Financial Report was seconded and carried.

BUSINESS ITEMS

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

- **Pancake Day (February 21, 2012, 11:00 am – 6:30 pm)** – The event was a great success with lots of helping hands. [See comments under Treasurer's Report.]
- **Ash Wednesday (February 22, 6:00 pm)** – A number of visitors from other community churches participated in the service which was followed by a soup and bread supper.
- **TCM Retreat (March 9-10)** – Lorraine and Bonnie attended the Total Common Ministry Retreat. Bonnie noted that some churches are concerned about TCM guidelines to form and operate a circle. Lorraine added that a lot has changed from the beginning of TCM (in the mid 1990s), and the Bishop of the Diocese sets the procedure and requirements for ordination. Mary expressed concern about the ability of small churches to recruit deacons. Jim added that we don't know what things will be like in five to ten years.
- **Easter Week (April 1-8)** – The **Maundy Thursday** service will be at 6:30 pm followed by a soup meal. St. Luke's congregation has been invited to participate. At Friday noon, St. Mark's will hold a **Good Friday** service, and that evening at 7:00 pm there will be an ecumenical service at the Church of God. At Sunday's **Easter Service** there will be renewal of baptismal vows, and the congregation will be asked to bring bells, cut flowers, and eggs.
- **Comprehensive Strategic Review** – Lorraine asked Jim about the Diocesan Comprehensive survey process. Jim reported that three people have completed the survey on-line which takes about 20 minutes, and he will distribute hard copies next Sunday. Completion of the survey is due by April 15.
- Lorraine noted that this year the **Diocesan project** is a campaign to rebuild the cathedral in the Diocese of Haiti, which was devastated by the earthquake. Jim plans to attend this project meeting. A \$10 donation from every member of the Diocese has been suggested, the equivalent of buying one brick each.

- Remembering the February 28, 2001, Nisqually earthquake, Grays Harbor Emergency Management is reminding congregations about **earthquake preparedness**.
- A thank you was received from the Union Gospel Mission for St. Mark's support. Responding to an inmate's request, Bonnie had a Message Bible and Episcopal Prayer Book sent from the Episcopal Book Store.
- **Prayer List** – Commenting on the detailed Prayer List report, discussion centered on just listing those to pray for, not their specific need. There were concerns about providing specific medical information that could violate HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) rules and that to pray for people did not mean we needed to know any details. It was agreed to have a "clean list" available and call out the names during Prayers for the People.
- **Ads** – Kevin requested permission to run a St. Mark's ad supporting the Montesano Soccer Team in the school's sports program brochure, like we do now for the football team each fall. He will pay for the ad. Permission granted. Jim asked about running an Easter Week ad in the Vidette, at last year's price of \$35. Permission granted.

Vicar's Report – Lorraine participated in the March 3 memorial service for Craig Carter, and attended the Grays Harbor County Health and Social Services Advisory Board meeting on March 20. Lorraine and Bonnie also attended the Montesano Ministerial Association meeting at Calvary Chapel. The next Jail Ministry is March 25. Bonnie participated in the March 9 Lenten Service and is involved with the Resurgent Church program.

The next Bishop's Committee meeting will be Wednesday, April 25, at 6:30 pm. The meeting was closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
 Martha Krug,
 Bishop's Committee Secretary