

**ST. MARK'S  
BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MINUTES  
October 19, 2011**

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

John opened the meeting with a reading from "Interfaith Prayer" and prayer needs were presented.

**The Bishop's Committee Minutes: Kevin moved to approve the minutes of September 21, 2011. The motion was seconded, and carried.**

**The Treasurer's Report:** Jim presented the **Summary of St. Mark's Finances – 10/17/2011, St. Mark's Montesano Finance Report 2011, Transaction Summary September and October 2011, and the 2011 Operating Bills and Outreach Summary.** Jim reviewed the Summary and reported a net operating surplus of \$1,125.39. Doing well, the budget stayed even last month. Item paid were a gift for the Varness grounds service, Diocesan Convention registration and lunches, a kitchen faucet, and a linen for the altar. Jim said revenue is tracking for the year and \$1,500 will be available to put in the DIF Investment fund at the end of the year. The DIF (Diocesan Investment Fund) report is pending.

Jim highlighted unpaid **Outreach** choices for the next two months. \$200 will be available for these expenditures. Jim and Bonnie reported on Camp Victory – 118 volunteers served 35 girls. Overall 100 individuals have been served over the years. Jim said he was impressed with the camp and staff. A scholarship for one girl to attend Camp Victory is \$250.

At a pre-convention meeting, Chris Clark-Smith reported that Episcopal Church insurance will be stabilized for the next three years.

Jim presented the annual draft stewardship letter in the Bishop Committee's packet. He noted that the letter and form will be available on-line. He asked that those present review and edit the draft letter. The in-gathering of pledges will be the Sunday following Thanksgiving. Lorraine noted that St. Mark's has not seen the downturn that other churches have. **Kevin moved to accept the Financial Report which was seconded and carried.**

**Funds Summary**—Total is \$18,029.26

- Checking Account—\$4,009.45
- Savings Account—518.18
- Memorial Fund--\$984.70
- Diocesan Investment Fund--\$12,031.59
- Clergy Discretionary Fund--\$485.34

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

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

- **Diocesan Retirement Homes Presentation (September 25, 2011)** – Christy Hamrich made the presentation at St. Marks. Lorraine questioned how to move forward, noting that assisted living facilities are needed closer to Montesano. Kevin said a facility needs to be close to water and sewer – there may be a site in McCleary, formerly Oakhurst. Jim said he could send an e-mail about local interest in assisted living housing.
- **Diocesan Pre-Convention Meeting (October 8, 2011, 9:30 am, Kent)** – Jim, John and Lorraine attended and reported that the meeting was not well organized. John highlighted the need for a microphone so everyone can hear.
- **Bless Pets Sunday (October 2, 2011)** – Jim commented that the event was wonderful - \$208 was collected and distributed to PAWS of Grays Harbor and the Stafford Creek Prison pet program. The event was well advertised. Lorraine suggested putting a photo in the newspaper.
- **Diocesan Convention (October 21-22, 2011, Lynnwood)** – Logistics of travel was discussed. Jim, Bonnie, John, Lorraine and Martha will be attending.
- **Halloween for Kids (October 31, 2011)** – St. Mark's will be open from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, offering candy, coffee, and restrooms. The congregation is contributing candy for distribution. Bonnie will have candles available for All-Saints Day.
- **TCM Retreat (November 4-5, Ascension, Seattle)** – The meeting was postponed and may be held in January at St. Mark's. Evangelism will be the topic.
- **All Saints Sunday (November 6, 2011)** – The Worship Team will meet November 1 at 9:30 am to plan events for the month.
- **Projects Status** – A new **kitchen faucet** has been installed by Lee at a cost of about \$70. Thank you Lee! Painting the outside **steeple** will be delayed until spring. Kevin said he has people in mind to prepare and complete (scrape out, frame up, and pour) the **concrete handicapped parking pad**. Kevin said he is trying to set a date to coordinate the project, and he requested guidance on the location of the pad.

**Vicar's Report** – Lorraine received a call from the Church of God regarding a member who needs \$75 **rent assistance**. The Baptist Church suggested all churches contribute. Bonnie and Lorraine agreed to contribute from the Discretionary Fund. A letter was received from the **Jail Ministry** requesting funds

for continuing supply expenses, copy machine servicing/toner, and Bibles by October 28. St. Mark's donated \$52 in March 2011. Kevin commented that the Bishop's Committee will have a clearer picture of expenses next month. He suggested using the Discretionary Fund at this time. Lorraine requested the purchase of **Advent script** at a cost of \$20.95. The Christian Education budget will be used for this purchase.

**Other** – The community Thanksgiving service will be Tuesday, November 15, at 7:00 pm at Calvary Chapel. Lorraine said we have the option of sharing testimony or reading scripture. Corby or John was suggested to read.

Jim reported that John and Anne will be attending the Cursillo, November 10-13, at St. Margaret's, Bellevue.

Jim and Corby have been working on St. Mark's video. Categories will include worship, fellowship, and outreach with 40 slides, sentences and web-site messages.

Kevin will purchase a new tea pot.

The next Bishop's Committee meeting for November and December will be Wednesday, November 30, at 6:30 pm. The meeting was closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha Krug,  
Bishop's Committee Secretary