

**ST. MARK'S
BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MINUTES
August 15, 2012**

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

Lorraine opened the meeting with a prayer, and prayer needs were shared.

The **Bishop's Committee Minutes: Jim moved to approve the minutes of June 20, 2012. The motion was seconded and carried.**

The **Treasurer's Report:** Jim presented the **Summary of St. Mark's Finances – 8/12/2012, and the 2012 Operating Bills and Outreach Summary.** Jim reviewed the Summary and noted a correction for Net Operating Year to Date that is \$5,075.29. Everything is paid current with the exception of the phone bill. During the past two months, expenses have been very low, rummage sale revenue was \$735, plus a large pledge with payment increased the net operating account by \$3,671. Expenses for October through November will continue to be low. Jim said there were also two anonymous gifts for the light replacement project equaling \$500. The net cost for the lighting project, after the diocesan grant, PUD rebate and donations is under \$700. Bonnie commented that the kitchen motion sensor has been adjusted. Jim suggested that a "thank you" to the PUD be sent to the Vidette editor.

Outreach: Distribution of the rummage sale revenue and Outreach revenue was discussed. **Jim moved to give \$250 each to the Union Gospel Mission, the Montesano Food Bank, Coastal Harvest, and Camp Victory. The motion was seconded and carried.**

Jim presented health insurance options for Sarah Monroe, St. Mark's seminarian. Last year her health insurance cost was \$1,767 per year. The quote for this year is \$2,190. Jim noted that \$2,500 has been budgeted for the year. The required psychological evaluation ranges from \$1,300 to \$1,500 in Washington. The Diocese expects each entity (Sarah, St. Marks, and the Diocese) to each pay one-third of psychological evaluation. Sarah has the option of having the evaluation done in Portland at a reduced cost. Discussion followed. **Jim moved to provide health insurance--\$2,190, \$250 for the required psychological examination, \$60 for travel expenses, for a total of \$2,500. The motion was seconded and carried.**

Bonnie noted that there could be undetermined expenses for Sarah's ordination and possibly these expenses could be coordinated with other support groups for Sarah in the diocese.

Funds Summary—Total is \$25,259.88

- Checking Account—\$6,843.21
- Savings Account—\$518.38
- Memorial Fund--\$985.75
- Diocesan Investment Fund--\$16,326.97

- Clergy Discretionary Fund--\$585.57

BUSINESS ITEMS

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

- **Monte Community Bible Camp (July 9-13)** – Lorraine reported a record number of 186 youth attended Bible Camp. She would like to see this story reported in the Episcopal "Voice", noting that the Montesano Ministerial Association focuses on outreach. Lorraine pointed out that the Bible Camp time frame, format, and setting are a challenge for four-year-olds. Bonnie suggested looking at who attends the Baptist Bible School. In summary, Kevin said we need to look at how to handle the rising number of children participating, scheduling and recruiting volunteer staff, and having four-year-olds in community Bible Camp. In addition to the actual staff time on Camp week, time is required for pre-planning and purchasing supplies.
- **Annual Rummage Sale (August 4)** – The sale was Saturday, August 4, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. A smaller amount of rummage was donated this year. Suggestions included: do more local advertising, collect rummage earlier, have a "box" sale, and making individual donations in lieu of a rummage sale. Bonnie suggested that we revisit this issue at the beginning of the year and discuss this with the congregation.
- **Annual Picnic (August 26)** – The "picnic" will be held in Calder Hall with the windows open. Lorraine will e-mail Joan Nieman and Cathy Echo at St. Luke's with an invitation to join us. The picnic will also be discussed at church on Sunday.
- **The Church and Social Media Event at D House (May 17) and the Regional Resource Day on Liturgy, at St. John's, Olympia (May 19)** – Jim reported that he has made a few changes on St. Mark's web site already, and he wants to discuss additional changes with Corby. A new attender Keith said he "found" St. Mark's via our web site and Jim wants to talk to him about web site ideas. Jim wants to focus the web site more on "what we are" as a church community. Jim started a discussion about specifics from Regional Resource Day. Corby has suggested a "casual" worship service, with communion, one Sunday a month, possibly starting with the first Sunday in November. Lorraine distributed a handout on Hospitality Assessment. Everyone needs to be prepared to be a greeter. There were also handouts on Stuff that Works, Possible Descriptors for Congregational Personality or Ethos, and Congregational Identity. Discussion then centered on how to communicate ideas with the congregation. Lorraine suggested having "an Episcopal moment" during the Sunday service occasionally to talk about these ideas. Kevin suggested doing this on casual service day, and Lorraine suggested an evangelism worksite.

- **Repair/Purchase Vases for Worship** – Lorraine said the cost of refurbishing a brass vase is \$150, and Elaine would like to pay for refurbishing one large brass vase and St. Mark's will refurbish the second vase. Elaine also offered to have more linens made, including the fair linen. *[See May 16, 2012, BC Minutes, page 2, for funding authorization.]*
- **Priest Reports** – Bonnie reported that she has been gone a lot lately, but visited the nursing home one time. Lorraine reported that Murretta made a donation to the Back Pack Project to purchase food supplies. There are ten houseless teens in Montesano and donated snack items are given to the school counselor for snack back pack donations. This is an active project in Aberdeen as well as Thurston County. Sarah and Lorraine did jail ministry together. Lorraine noted that the pastoral calling list at Monte Health and Rehabilitation is growing.
- **Other Items** – A \$25 advertising donation will be made to the Montesano Football Booster Club. Jim will cover this with evangelism dollars. Convention lodging arrangements need to be made. Sarah may be a part of this, John and Mary are delegates, and Martha is an alternate. Jim said that between now and mid-October St. Mark's will have the Blessing of the Pets Sunday.

The next Bishop's Committee meeting will be Wednesday, October 24, at 6:30 pm. *[There will not be a meeting in September.]* The meeting was closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Krug,
Bishop's Committee Secretary