

**ST. MARK'S
BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MINUTES
September 23, 2009**

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

John offered the opening prayer. Needs and concerns were shared.

The **Bishop's Committee Minutes:** The minutes of August 19, 2009, were approved as presented.

The **Treasurer's Report:** Jim presented and reviewed the **Summary of St. Mark's Finances – 9/22/2009, St. Mark's Montesano Finance Report 2009, 2009 Outreach Summary,** and **August and September 2009 Transaction Summaries.** Jim reported that revenue includes \$222 for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund and \$730 from the rummage sale. The net operating surplus is \$2,615.16. Jim estimates that Convention expenses left to pay for will be about \$1,000. Jeff Varness will be given a gift during the next month for his help with St. Mark's lawn care this year. Other expenses for the rest of the year are expected to be normal and minimal.

Non-Operating revenue was reviewed. Jim said all revenue sources must be reported which includes memorial gifts, the Discretionary Fund, and the birthday bank. DIF is increasing slowly. Lorraine suggested reinvesting the DIF dividend. Jim will check into this.

Outreach was reviewed. Proceeds from the rummage sale were discussed. These dollars are designated for community outreach. A memorial donation in honor of Margaret Kaus was suggested for St. Luke's community feeding program. Mary moved that a \$150 be donated to St. Luke's. The motion was seconded and carried. Martha will prepare a note to accompany the donation.

Lorraine noted that some church members would like a percentage of the rummage sale revenue to be invested in the DIF fund to build the reserve. Lorraine added that it is important to listen to what people say. Discussion followed. Jim suggested that we look at our operating surplus/reserve at the end of the calendar year and build a line item for savings. St. Mark's is likely to have a surplus of \$1,500 or more at the end of the year. Ways to use the surplus will be reviewed at that time.

Martha read a newsletter statement from Northwest Harvest which serves 300 partner programs, including the Grays Harbor Coastal Harvest Distribution Center. Fifty food bank programs have reported increases in client visits of over 50%, the highest increase ever reported. The local need could increase as we move into winter.

St. Christopher's Cloud Nine program sent a \$500 check to St. Mark's for the Montesano Food Bank. Jim will endorse the check and give it to the Montesano Food Bank.

Funds Summary—Total is \$12,867.07

- Checking Account—\$4,175.11
- Savings Account--\$517.52
- Memorial Fund--\$975.57 (\$200 is for the Windows fund)
- Diocesan Investment Fund--\$6,051.40
- Clergy Discretionary Fund--\$1,147.47

The Finance Report was accepted.

BUSINESS ITEMS

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

- **Bishop's Visit (September 6)** – Lorraine reported that six people received sacraments. Bonnie noted that the Bishop needs to sign the record book for primary happenings. Jim will see that this gets done. Typically, the \$222 plate donation would be donated to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. It was agreed that these dollars will be donated to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.
- **Annual Rummage Sale (September 12)** – Revenue from the one-day sale was \$730. Surplus rummage went to the Montesano Moose Lodge and clothing to the Elma Clothing Bank.
- **Pre-convention Meeting (September 19)** – Sarah, Lorraine, John and Jim attended the meeting. The Diocesan budget, \$400,000 less than 2009, and resolutions were reviewed. The meeting was concise. John requested that a yellow handout from this meeting be shared with the St. Mark's congregation.
- **TCM Missioner Visit (September 27)** – Diocese of Olympia TCM Missioner, Kim Forman, will visit St. Mark's, observe our service, discuss church activities and future plans for ministry around possible ordination within the circle concept.
- **Blessing of the Pets (October 4)** – People are encouraged to invite their friends and pets. Treats will be available for the pets.

Diocesan Convention (October 15-17) – Workshop selection was discussed. Hotel reservations are made and meal forms are completed.

Bonnie noted that the training, "Safeguarding Our Children" is needed at St. Mark's. It is required every five years. It is suggested that the names of those completing the training be posted in the church. Background checks were discussed.

Worship Space/Services Project Status – Bonnie reported that Reverend Campbell has been invited to St. Mark's for a yet to be determined date in November. The end of September was the date established to return items to their original location in the sanctuary. It was agreed to ask the congregation if they wanted items (lectern, font, privacy screens) moved back to their original locations.

Stewardship Planning (Jim) – Jim will put a stewardship article in the October newsletter. John and Mary agreed to submit brief statements about what St. Mark's means to them for the November newsletter.

Vicar's Report – Lorraine was pleased to see Nan and Ann Marie Chambers at church. She had sent Ann Marie a note and would like contact information for Nan. A young woman recently called and asked for assistance. Lorraine wrote a check for \$30 for Thriftway from the clergy discretionary fund.

Bonnie has four more Fresh Start programs to participate in. These are offered for new priests and transferred priests. She is also doing two resurgent church groups.

Other Items – Lorraine suggested that St. Mark's purchase "fair trade" coffee and tea. This is a social justice issue. Jim will look into this.

On October 3 there will be workshop, Celebrating our Abundance, and Jim would like to attend. The cost is \$15. The Committee approved his request.

Lynn Bailey requested that a women's AA group meet at St. Mark's on Saturdays, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, and noted that they can easily adjust the schedule. It was noted that income from AA groups covers the cost of St. Mark's utilities. It was moved and seconded to approve this request.

The next Bishop's Committee meeting will be Wednesday, October 14, at 6:30 pm.

The closing prayer was offered.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Krug,
Bishop's Committee Secretary