

**ST. MARK'S
BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 13, 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 April 15, 2009, were corrected as follows: Page 3, Vicar's Report, a typo was corrected on the word while, changing it to white. The minutes were approved as corrected.

The **Treasurer's Report:** Jim presented and reviewed the **Summary of St. Mark's Finances – 5/11/2009, St. Mark's Montesano Finance Report 2009, 2009 Outreach Summary, and April and May 2009 Transaction Summaries.** Jim reported that the Operating Revenue and Expenses are even. Monthly bills are currently paid. The Diocesan Investment Fund (DIF) increased for the second month in a row. Pending outreach items were reviewed. Payment was approved for Camp Michael (\$100) and Good Friday offering (\$40). A request has not been received for the July 6-10 Community Bible Camp. Next month, Jim will present a one year energy review report. Energy costs have decreased by one-half.

Funds Summary—Total is \$9,199.30

- Checking Account—\$1,553.47
- Savings Account--\$517.39
- Memorial Fund--\$474.68 (\$200 is for the Windows fund)
- Diocesan Investment Fund--\$5,494.44
- Clergy Discretionary Fund--\$1,159.22

The Finance Report was accepted.

BUSINESS ITEMS

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

- **Clergy Conference (April 19-22)** – Bonnie enjoyed good conversation with other clergy at the Conference, and noted that Bishop Greg is supportive of Total Common Ministry.
- **Day of Prayer (May 7)** – Held at the Baptist Church in Montesano, attendance was low. Bonnie and Lorraine represented two of the four clergy attending.

- **Ministry Resource Day (May 9)** – Resource Day was held at High Line Community College and was attended by Lorraine, Jim and Bonnie. They briefly reviewed presentations that they individually attended. Bonnie said a Total Common Ministry curriculum will be presented. Bonnie is on a committee to develop a Letter of Agreement for the role of Total Common Ministry. Jim attended a presentation on Communication. Different types of communication were looked at, and the value of a hardcopy newsletter was highlighted. Bonnie distributed and reviewed a summary of **The College for Congregational Development** which outlined Aims, Approach, and Guidelines. The core program is a comprehensive training program for clergy and laity in congregational and organizational development. The College is working with congregations to make them healthy. Bonnie outlined the basic process to develop goals, strategies, and actions. She would like a parish team to participate in the College which is based on organization development. John said the congregation needs to be “pumped up” (educated) to this idea. Jim agreed with John. Bonnie noted that next year’s session will have a November 2009 cut off date. Lorraine noted that it is difficult to reach every person in the Congregation. Bishop Greg’s goal is to have all congregations participate. St. Mark’s has set aside \$2,500 for 2009. It will cost \$4,200 for three participants in this two-year program. (\$800 for each person for each year.) Jim added that we need to figure this out in the next few months. Lorraine noted that it will difficult to maintain both a Circle and Congregational Development.
- **Pentecost Sunday (May 31)** – Everyone will be encouraged to wear red. Lorraine is looking into decorating the sanctuary with a red drape. Jim suggested purchasing 20 yards of fabric. The purchase was approved.

Worship Space/Services Project Status – Bonnie reported that Reverend Campbell will visit St. Mark’s on June 2 at 10:00 am. She will be looking at our worship space and making suggestions. In July, she can come on a Sunday and meet with the congregation. Jim is working on contacting ICS, audio consultants.

Church Building Projects – Bonnie said she will paint two walls in St. Mark’s restrooms. She would like to have pictures of Montesano in one restroom. Mary will contact Woods Janitorial to clean the windows and large overhead light fixture. Jim asked Charlie and Kevin to review the Building Evaluation for a report to the Diocese.

Church Website (Jim) – Jim is keeping the site updated and may keep a log on usage. Jim suggested adding the website name to St. Mark’s sign, approximate cost is \$35. The request was approved.

Vicar's Report – Lorraine had one request for Discretionary funds from the Presbyterian Church regarding an unexpected death. Lorraine wrote a check for \$50, and other churches kicked in. Bonnie is participating in nursing home and Jail Ministry. Lorraine performed an historic wedding at Montesano Health and Rehabilitation. The bride was 91-years old and the groom was 89. It was a joyful celebration.

Other Items - Martha asked if St. Mark's will continue with community "green" projects. Lorraine would like to promote St. Mark's as a "green" church and is accumulating "green" messages for the sign board. Jim receives Earth Ministry information on the web.

A Stewardship Conference will be held June 20 and Jim would like to attend. The cost is \$25. The Committee approved his request.

The next Bishop's Committee meeting will be Wednesday, June 10, at 6:30 pm.

The closing prayer was offered.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Krug,
Bishop's Committee Secretary