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ST. KATHERINE'S GUILD

The September meeting of St. Katherine's Guild was held at 7:00 p.m. on the 18th at the Guild Hall. The evening meeting was an attempt to see if we could accomodate more people -- including the outside-the-home worker. However, due to many conflicts in schedules, there were only 3 members present: Janice, Violet, and Beverly. Ruby arrived later.

The ECW prayer was recited. The secretary's report was given and approved as read. The treasurer reported \$17.69 in the checking account, \$651.24 in savings, \$15.00 in petty cash. Approved as read.

To augment our dwindling bank account, plans were made for a bake sale. Saturday, November 16th was mentioned as a tentative date. This will be discussed more fully at the October meeting.

Discussion was held on the need for Sunday School supplies. Beverly passed out lists of needed items which might be found in our homes. Extra lists were left at the church for other members to take. Janice said there was also a need for The Good News Bible with both the old and new testaments. Ruby brought a note from Lola's niece wanting us to give her some ideas for a memorial. Janice is going to check with Kitty and let them know about things (including the Bibles) needed for the Sunday School as that would seem to be especially appropriate since Lola headed the Sunday School for so long.

Violet read a thank you note from Myrtle for her plant while she was in the hospital.

Beverly moved and Ruby seconded we adjourn.

Bishop's Committee
Thursday, August 15, 1985

Senior Warden Merrill Hunter called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Warner Boyd, Kitty Brewer, George DeLay, Karen Hall, Merrill Hunter, Janice Johnson

ABSENT: Rex Page, Hal Rethorn, Ruby Stewart

Motion by Boyd and seconded by Johnson to approve the July 9 minutes of the Bishop's Committee as mailed out. Motion carried.

Motion by DeLay and seconded by Boyd to approve the July 21 minutes of the Stewardship Breakfast as read. Motion carried.

In the absence of Stewart, the treasurer's report was given by DeLay. On June 30 the bank balance was \$356.69, and on July 31 the balance was \$358.65.

At the going-away breakfast for Jim and Gloria Pearson on Sunday, August 4, DeLay reported on a donation fund started for Jim's books at Virginia Theological Seminary in Virginia.

DeLay reported that he, Hunter and Stewart consolidated various checking, savings and certificates of deposits into a \$9,500 investment at the Eastern S. Dak. REA Employees Federal Credit Union. This will draw 8% interest for 6 months.

Another consolidation of various certificates of deposits will occur on Feb. 17, 1986, when all of them have matured.

Motion by DeLay and seconded by Johnson to approve these investments. Motion carried.

Much discussion took place during DeLay's report on our insulation project which he, Fred Stewart and Janice and John Johnson are working on. Hall recommended that they come up with some concrete figures for the entire facility and report at a special Bishop's Committee meeting after church on Sunday, Aug. 25.

DeLay also reported that there is a potential fire hazard behind the east storeroom door in the attic. The Bishop's Committee authorized Johnson to contact Mark Schirmacher about cleaning it out.

Hall reported several things in her lay vicar's report:

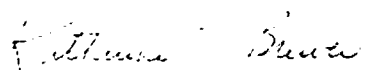
- (1) Rose Schirmacher, Kitty Brewer and Janice Johnson will be teaching Sunday School beginning Sept. 15 at 10:00 a.m.
- (2) Our 11:00 a.m. services will begin on Sept. 8. There are a couple of possibilities for Holy Communion in Sept. Hall reported that the Bishop encouraged her to write to Father Briesch in Mitchell, dean of the eastern region, requesting sacramental care for Madison, thus making it a deanery problem.
- (3) Pastor Gentz of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church has invited anyone in the parish to participate in the Stephan's series. This is a six-month, once a week, seminar on pastoral care, with no cost to the participant other than the price of the materials. Hall encouraged the Bishop's Committee to talk to other people in the parish about participating.
- (4) Fr. Stephan Hall from Brookings will be available to Madison on Monday evenings to do some teaching on the Episcopal Church. This could be viewed as both adult education and an inquirer's class. These will be self-contained sessions, with Holy Communion at 7:00 p.m. and class beginning at 7:30 p.m. Brewer was designated as the contact person to do the arrangements for a tentative beginning meeting on Monday, Sept. 16.
- (5) Hall's last Sunday in Madison will be Aug. 25.
- (6) Hall commented that this had been an exciting summer for her, and she has enjoyed getting to know our wonderful congregation. She stated that Bishop Anderson is committed to Grace Church, and while she is gone to seminary, we must look at the vision we have for the future of our church and communicate our ideas to him.

The Bishop's Committee meeting ended with a unanimous resolution thanking Karen Hall for all her time and efforts on our behalf this summer and extending an invitation to her to come back to Grace Church as soon as her seminary work and exams are completed.

After saying Compline, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

(No date was set for the next meeting).

Respectfully submitted,


Katherine T. Brewer
Clerk

WARMER DAYS AHEAD

Grace Episcopal Church will be a little warmer during cold winter days, because of an insulation project nearly completed.

Cellulose insulation is being blown into the ceilings above the Church and Guild Hall, with fiberglass being used in some areas.

Hopefully, fuel bills will be lower during the cold months.

COMING EVENTS

The Annual Convention of the South Dakota Diocese will be held in Aberdeen on October 11th and 12th.

NOTICE

The Alpha and Omega will be coming out monthly and we would like to have all information by the 20th of each month.

We also need your Birthday and Anniversary dates.

Where We Are

Mrs. Karen Hall
Nashotah House
Nashotah, WI 53058

Mr. Jim Pearson
913 N. VanDorn St.
Apt. 300
Alexandria, VA 22304

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The Sunday School is in need of the following:

Good News Bibles

Children's Bibles

Arch Books

pencils: black and colored

crayons and magic markers

tempera paints

water colors

old magazines

magazines

paper plates

natural materials

glue or paste

paint brushes (all sizes)

scissors

cloth (all size pieces)

string, ribbon, wire

coat hangers

scotch tape

bottles, jars

pictures (all types)

egg cartons, styrofoam

liquid starch

sponges

clay

yarn, thread

poles, sticks

tacks, pins

masking tape

paper (all kinds)

wood

foil

OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6 10:00 Sunday Sch. 11:00 Morning Prayer 12:00 Fellowship Coffee	7 7:00 p.m. Communion Adult Education Class	8	9	10	11	12
13 10:00 Sunday Sch. 11:00 Holy Communion 12:00 Fellowship Coffee	14 Columbus Day	15	16	17	18	19
20 10:00 Sunday Sch. 11:00 Morning Prayer 12:00 Fellowship Coffee	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 10:00 Sunday Sch. 11:00 Morning Prayer 12:00 Fellowship Coffee	28	29	30	31 Halloween		