

Bishop's Committee
Grace Episcopal Church
Thursday, October 11, 1984

Senior Warden Merrill Hunter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Warner Boyd, Kitty Brewer, George DeLay, Merrill Hunter, Janice Johnson, Jim Pearson, Harold Rethorne, Fr. Robert Wagner. ABSENT: None

The minutes of the Sept. 10 meeting were read by Clerk Kitty Brewer and accepted as read.

Fr. Wagner suggested that for the old business agenda we go over the minutes of the Sept. 10 Bishop's Committee meeting, item by item.

Merrill Hunter was designated to contact an electrician to report on the following items:

- 1) lighting
- 2) rheostat switch
- 3) increase lighting in nave with fan
- 4) increase lighting over rood screen
- 5) state of wiring situation
- 6) fan in guild hall
- 7) fans in church

It was reported that we have \$587.00 in Lola Boyd's memorial fund for fans, as well as a \$1,000.000 CD for the church.

Motion by DeLay and seconded by Pearson to appoint Ruby Stewart as the new church treasurer. Motion carried.

No action has been taken by Hunter and DeLay on their field research into the Word of Life Church in Colman. Hunter reported that the Word of Life Church had not contacted him again.

No word has been received on Jim Pearson's application for postulancy.

Fr. Wagner reported that contact had been made with organists Marcia Wenk and Wendell Garwood. Wenk has agreed to play for us, but her previous obligations may preclude our beginning church at an earlier time. Garwood has possibilities as a backup organist. Fr. Wagner has meetings scheduled to resolve the situation.

A report was given by Sunday School Supt. Gloria Pearson on the Christian Education Committee meeting which took place on Monday, Sept. 24. Sunday School will begin as soon as the upstairs can be painted and carpeted. Johnson reported that the Episcopal Church Women's Guild has donated \$500.00 toward new carpeting.

Gloria Pearson and Brewer were designated to get two carpeting bids for the upstairs, stairs and bottom landing. Rethorne will coordinate a painting workbee for the upstairs on Oct. 17 at 1:00 p.m. The walls will be painted an off-white and the carpeting will be in brown tones.

A report on the state of the church windows was given by DeLay. Motion by Pearson and seconded by Paige to go ahead with the work for which DeLay had received estimates. Motion carried.

Hunter left at 8:00 p.m. and designated Pearson to take over the meeting.

Johnson reported that the Episcopal Church Women's Guild has agreed to take responsibility for the refreshments after church.

Motion by Paige and seconded by Johnson that we begin church on Sundays at 10:30 a.m., provided we can have an organist to coordinate with this schedule. Motion carried.

Motion by Rethorne and seconded by Paige to accept and acknowledge the \$500.00 donation by the Episcopal Church Women's Guild for carpeting. Motion carried.

Under new business, Pearson reported that some parishioners were upset by some changes that had occurred in moving some property within the church. Pearson pointed out that he felt it wise to be more sensitive to the congregation and include them more in the decision-making process. Fr. Wagner agreed but also pointed out that the authority to move movable property in the church rests solely at the discretion of the Bishop's Committee.

Pearson also reported on the St. Stephan's ministry series that St. John's Lutheran Church is sponsoring. It is a two year commitment to the lay ministry, and the session is 20 weeks long, 2½ hours each Sunday, plus training time. Pearson and his wife Gloria have decided to participate in the series.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine T. Brewer
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