

✝ Grace Episcopal Church
Madison, South Dakota 57042

Bishop's Committee
Monday, December 3, 1984

Senior Warden Merrill Hunter called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

PRESENT: Warner Boyd, Kitty Brewer, George DeLay, Merrill Hunter, Janice Johnson, Jim Pearson, Ruby Stewart.

ABSENT: Rex Page, Hal Rethorn, Fr. Robert Wagner.

The minutes of the November 5 meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer Ruby Stewart reported a Nov. 30 balance of \$1,451.33. Some discussion took place on some problems with the Lola Boyd memorial fund. Hunter and Stewart will go to the bank to straighten this out.

As of Nov. 15, Grace had the following outstanding to the Diocese for 1984: \$300 for the quota, \$50 for the Suffragan Bishop's Fund and \$72 for the Churchnews. The committee directed Stewart to pay \$172 this month to the Diocese.

A quarterly bill for \$156.00 for the church pension fund was presented by Stewart. Some discussion took place as to whether this amount was included in the \$3600.00 we are paying Fr. Wagner for clergy support. Motion by DeLay and seconded by Brewer to pay this bill. Motion carried.

Hunter reported that the fans had been ordered but still had not come. The lights have not been done, but the electrician did come and wire the upstairs furnace. The furnace still does not work properly upstairs, so Pearson will have Doug Cecil come to check it out.

DeLay reported that the painting and renovation projects had been completed. Several windows, however, have loose plastic around them, and he will contact McQueens to fix them.

DeLay submitted a letter he had written to John Davis at the Diocesan office in Sioux Falls concerning our insurance claim on the broken windows. Copies of all this correspondence will be kept in the minutes. DeLay's expenses in the matter were \$101.00. He will donate his expenses to the church, thus handily taking care of the \$100.00 deductible for the church.

Motion by Pearson, seconded by Johnson to commend DeLay on all his efforts toward the improvement of the physical plant. Motion carried.

The reply on the boiler insurance was received by Hunter. This insurance is for the hot water heater, so the \$40.00 premium must be paid.

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Motion by DeLay and seconded by Pearson to put the following items on the Jan. agenda:

- (1) Explanation of \$156.00 quarterly (\$624.00 annual) bill from the church pension fund. Is this amount in addition to or included in the \$3600.00 we currently pay annually for clergy support?
- (2) Request that Fr. Wagner compile an annual report from November 1983 through November 1984 on the number of units of work delivered during that time.
- (3) Request that this annual report also includes a review of the goals and accomplishments during that year.
- (4) Request that beginning in Jan., 1985, a monthly report be given by Fr. Wagner on the units of work delivered during the previous month.

Motion carried.

Hunter stressed the need for a 1985 budget. Much discussion took place on our lax attitude in pledging. It was decided to take some action on pledging in order to come up with a viable 1985 budget.

Motion by Brewer and seconded by Pearson:

- (1) Systematized method of sending out pledge cards to all parishioners. Cards will be returned to the treasurer. Hunter and DeLay volunteered to have this done before the Dec. 16 service.
- (2) Quarterly statements will be sent to parishioners concerning the status of their pledges.
- (3) Following the short Sunday School Christmas program on Dec. 16, Fr. Wagner will speak to the congregation on this topic.

Motion carried.

The need for more albs and cottas was discussed. Johnson was directed to have the Guild handle this matter.

A short closing prayer was given by Pearson.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine T. Brewer

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Clerk