

Grace Episcopal Church  
Annual Meeting  
Sun., Jan. 27, 1985

Following a 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service with Bishop Anderson and Fr. Wagner, there followed a 10:30 hour-long dialogue with the Bishop and an 11:30 potluck dinner and annual meeting.

Bishop Anderson addressed the congregation in the parish hall following the service. His goal in his first few months with the diocese has been to get out and meet the people and find out about their ministry and their mission. He will begin to formulate planning strategy after he has done this.

A question we must ask ourselves, he stated, is "If this church would close its doors tomorrow, what difference would it make?"

He would like to see a good full-time priest in Madison, as well as a resurrection of the pilot project we worked on last year. "Without a vision, the people will perish."

He commented that we cannot be ecumenical until we know who we are as Episcopalians. We are not a religion of fear, but we are called to "celebrate" -- to have some fun. We take ourselves far too seriously.

The Bishop answered questions and exchanged dialogue with many members of the congregation during that hour.

Following the Bishop's remarks, Senior Warden Merrill Hunter called the annual meeting to order.

Motion by Page and second by Pearson to accept the minutes from the 1984 annual meeting but dispense with the reading of those minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Page and second by Pearson to accept the treasurer's 1984 financial statement. Motion carried.

Motion by Bev Hunter and second by Pearson to accept Myrtle Newcomb's UTO report and Janice Johnson and Violet Witt's ECW report. Motion carried.

Oral reports were presented by Kitty Brewer on the Sunday school and Jim Pearson on the acolyte training.

The nominating committee of George DeLay and Merrill Hunter submitted the following slate for the Bishop's Committee:

Merrill Hunter, Senior Warden  
Jim Pearson, Junior Warden

Ruby Stewart, Treasurer  
Kitty Brewer, Clerk  
Warner Boyd  
George DeLay  
Rex Page  
Hal Rethorne  
Janice Johnson (Pres. of ECW)

The following were submitted as delegates to the annual convocation:

Jim and Gloria Pearson, delegates  
Fred and Ruby Stewart, alternates

Motion by DeLay and second by Page to accept the nominations. Motion carried.

In his Rector's Report, Fr. Wagner stated that we would resurrect the pilot project that we began last year. He scheduled planning meetings for the parish on the Sunday evenings of Feb. 10 and Feb. 24 from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Following these meetings, we will meet with Bishop Anderson in early March with a presentation of a plan for Grace Church.

Wagner commented that his job situation at DSC had become much more of a commitment that he had originally envisioned but that he would stay there as long as possible.

He stated that we are paying him for only the services that he can perform and not for services that he cannot substantiate.

Wagner feels that the Bishop is committed to bringing a full-time priest to Madison.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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