



Grace Episcopal Church

Madison, South Dakota 57042

Bishop's Committee
Monday, February 4, 1985

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

PRESENT: Kitty Brewer, Warner Boyd, George DeLay, Merrill Hunter, Jim Pearson, Ruby Stewart. Fr. Robert Wagner

ABSENT: Janice Johnson, Rex Page, Hal Rethorne

GUESTS: Bev Hunter, Millie Rumrill

The minutes of the Jan. 14 meeting were approved as submitted by Clerk Kitty Brewer.

Treasurer Ruby Stewart reported a balance of \$542.46 in the treasury as of Feb. 1.

Fr. Wagner announced that there will be a church growth conference held at Calvary Cathedral in Sioux Falls on Sat., Mr. 23, led by Bishop Anderson, assisted by four priests, including Fr. Wagner. The thrust of the conference will focus on both external and internal growth in a healthy parish.

Junior Warden Jim Pearson discussed his plans to apply to several seminaries, in hopes of fall admission. Bishop Anderson has challenged the church to bring in money for non-stipendary priests. Jim plans to come back to S. Dak. after graduating from seminary. Some discussion also took place concerning Grace Episcopal's desire to help support Jim in a monetary way during his seminary years.

Fr. Wagner announced that he has submitted to Bishop Anderson a coherent and detailed plan concerning our mission for church growth. Wagner is convinced that the Bishop intends to resource Grace Episcopal with ministry on a regular basis.

The group scheduled two possible meeting dates with Bishop Anderson on a Sunday evening in March. Fr. Wagner will discuss the possibilities of these dates with the Bishop and get back to the Bishop's Committee.

We discussed the need for a parish dinner combined with an instructed Eucharist on Maundy Thursday. Plans for this will be discussed with the guild.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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3) Marketing -- We have done little -- we are not out selling the church.

He then stressed five areas that badly need attention:

- 1) Building and maintenance master plan
- 2) Sunday School -- training sessions for teachers -- formulating learning objectives
- 3) Acolytes -- training sessions-- formulate learning objectives
- 4) Layreaders -- must be trained in using the new rites, especially in a layreader-dependent church such as ours
- 5) Systematized calling plan for the church -- build on church membership from this file.

The agenda for Bishop Anderson's visit on Jan. 27 will include a dialogue immediately following the service. Fr. Wagner stressed that we should use this time in a constructive way, making use of our partnership as bishop and church.

Fr. Wagner will present a master plan for church growth to the Bishop's Committee on Sunday, Jan. 20, following the service.

Brewer was instructed to find out if we could pay Christ Church in Watertown a sum of \$12.50 for 6 months (half price) for copies of their illuminations.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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