

✝ Grace Episcopal Church  
Madison, South Dakota 57042

Bishop's Committee  
Sunday, May 5, 1985

Senior Warden Merrill Hunter called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Warner Boyd, Kitty Brewer, George DeLay, Karen Hall, Fr. Steve Hall,  
Merrill Hunter, Janice Johnson, ~~Jim Pearson~~, Ruby Stewart

ABSENT: Rex Page, Hal Rethorne, *Jim Pearson*

A brief and rather informal meeting of the Bishop's Committee was held after church on Sunday morning, May 5, immediately following Fr. Hall's communion service.

Fr. Hall announced that as the head of the Wider Area Ministry (WAM), he is responsible for our parish. He has been in contact with Bishop Anderson, and the Bishop has urged us to be creative in our plans. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss with Fr. Hall of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Brookings the direction our parish will be going, as Fr. Wagner has assumed the presidency of SDSU in Brookings and will no longer be serving Grace Church.

Fr. Hall announced that Dean Paul Davis would be willing to hold some communion services for us in the near future. Tentative dates to request of him are:

May 19 -- 11:00 a.m.  
June 9 -- 9:00 a.m.  
June 23 -- 9:00 a.m.

Fr. Hall mentioned that one of the possibilities for our parish has been his wife, Karen Hall. Karen will be ordained into the priesthood in 18 months, after finishing up at seminary in Wisconsin this fall. Karen would be willing to serve Grace as a lay vicar during the summer months, with the idea of serving both Madison and Desmet when she finishes her seminary studies. Fr. Hall stressed that the concept of lay vicarship is a new one and that we should discuss it as a group and decide if we would want to employ her for the summer months. If so, a formal letter should be written to her, with a copy sent to Bishop Anderson.

Per Karen's request, Brewer will put together a church membership list and send it to her.

Our next bishop's committee meeting will be on Tuesday, May 28, at 7:30 at the church.

Fr. Hall reminded Brewer and Stewart of the T.I.M.E. campaign meeting at Calvary Cathedral in Sioux Falls on Saturday morning, May 11. As the local chairperson and local treasurer of the campaign, he urged them to attend.

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Motion by Hunter, seconded by Pearson to make a \$1400 voluntary pledge quota to the Diocesan Office in Sioux Falls, \$50.00 of that to go to the Suffragan Bishop's Fund. Motion carried.

DeLay made a call to the men of the parish to band together and to upgrade the physical plant at Grace. He pointed out that there are many improvements that must be made, including those things that would help reduce an outrageous heating bill.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Katherine T. Brewer*

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Clerk