



# Grace Episcopal Church

Madison, South Dakota 57042

Bishop's Committee  
Thursday, August 15, 1985

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

**PRESENT:** Warner Boyd, Kitty Brewer, George DeLay, Karen Hall, Merrill Hunter, Janice Johnson

**ABSENT:** Rex Page, Hal Rathorn, Ruby Stewart

Motion by Boyd and seconded by Johnson to approve the July 9 minutes of the Bishop's Committee as mailed out. Motion carried.

Motion by DeLay and seconded by Boyd to approve the July 21 minutes of the Stewardship Breakfast as read. Motion carried.

In the absence of Stewart, the treasurer's report was given by DeLay. On June 30 the bank balance was \$356.69, and on July 31 the balance was \$358.65.

At the going-away breakfast for Jim and Gloria Pearson on Sunday, August 4, DeLay reported on a donation fund started for Jim's books at Virginia Theological Seminary in Virginia.

DeLay reported that he, Hunter and Stewart consolidated various checking, savings and certificates of deposits into a \$9,500 investment at the Eastern S. Dak. REA Employees Federal Credit Union. This will draw 8% interest for 6 months.

Another consolidation of various certificates of deposits will occur on Feb. 17, 1986, when all of them have matured.

Motion by DeLay and seconded by Johnson to approve these investments. Motion carried.

Much discussion took place during DeLay's report on our insulation project which he, Fred Stewart and Janice and John Johnson are working on. Hall recommended that they come up with some concrete figures for the entire facility and report at a special Bishop's Committee meeting after church on Sunday, Aug. 25.

DeLay also reported that there is a potential fire hazard behind the east storeroom door in the attic. The Bishop's Committee authorized Johnson to contact Mark Schirmacher about cleaning it out.



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Hall reported several things in her lay vicar's report:

- (1) Rose Schirmacher, Kitty Brewer and Janice Johnson will be teaching Sunday School beginning Sept. 15 at 10:00 a.m.
- (2) Our 11:00 a.m. services will begin on Sept. 8. There are a couple of possibilities for Holy Communion in Sept. Hall reported that the Bishop encouraged her to write to Father Briesch in Mitchell, dean of the eastern region, requesting sacramental care for Madison, thus making it a deanery problem.
- (3) Pastor Gentz of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church has invited anyone in the parish to participate in the Stephan's series. This is a six-month, once a week, seminar on pastoral care, with no cost to the participant other than the price of the materials. Hall encouraged the Bishop's Committee to talk to other people in the parish about participating.
- (4) Fr. Stephan Hall from Brookings will be available to Madison on Monday evenings to do some teaching on the Episcopal Church. This could be viewed as both adult education and an inquirer's class. These will be self-contained sessions, with Holy Communion at 7:00 p.m. and class beginning at 7:30 p.m. Brewer was designated as the contact person to do the arrangements for a tentative beginning meeting on Monday, Sept. 16.
- (5) Hall's last Sunday in Madison will be Aug. 25.
- (6) Hall commented that this had been an exciting summer for her, and she has enjoyed getting to know our wonderful congregation. She stated that Bishop Anderson is committed to Grace Church, and while she is gone to seminary, we must look at the vision we have for the future of our church and communicate our ideas to him.

The Bishop's Committee meeting ended with a unanimous resolution thanking Karen Hall for all her time and efforts on our behalf this summer and extending an invitation to her to come back to Grace Church as soon as her seminary work and exams are completed.

After saying Compline, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

(No date was set for the next meeting).

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk