

Bishop's Committee
Wed., April 16

Senior Warden Hunter called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. An opening prayer was given by Karen Hall.

PRESENT: Boyd, Brewer, Hall, Hunter, Johnson, Moose, Page, Wrobel

ABSENT: DeLay, Stewart

Motion by Moose and second by Wrobel to approve the March 20 minutes. Motion carried.

The bank balance as of March 31 was \$685.39. Stewart was unable to attend the meeting, so a detailed accounting of the finances was not given.

Hunter reported on Karen's ordination to the diaconate in Brookings the previous evening, stating that 8-10 people from Grace were able to attend the beautiful service and reception.

In her Rector's Report, Karen stated that \$679.00 had been collected from the offering at her ordination service. She has opened a Discretionary Fund account with this cash to use for crisis help for the poor and indigent. The accounting of this money would be a regular part of the treasurer's report. She suggested that the loose plate offering of the 4th Sunday of the month be put in this discretionary fund to help anyone in the WAM district who may have immediate and critical needs.

Hunter commented that we had previously done this.

Motion by Wrobel and second by Moose that we designate the loose plate offering on the 4th Sunday to the WAM Discretionary Fund for crisis intervention and direct assistance to the poor in the three churches represented in Karen's jurisdiction. Motion carried.

Karen also informed us that Flandreau wishes to have its Sunday services at 11:00 a.m. In order for her to have Sunday services at both parishes, she asked us to consider changing our services permanently to 9:00 a.m. all year around. There was much discussion about the feasibility of this as a permanent move. Motion by Moose and second by Wrobel to inform the congregation about the problem and have a vote of the church. Motion carried.

Moose and DeLay are to go to Sioux Falls to meet with Bishop Anderson before the next Bishop's Committee meeting. They will discuss with him some of the immediate concerns of the Bishop's Committee, financial and otherwise.

Karen explained that she would like to do the Deacon's Distribution of Communion once a month at Grace. She pointed out that this was not a substitution for a full Eucharist service. All agreed that it was an educational process to enable the congregation to be comfortable with this service. Karen pointed out that she had no problem with any decision that the Bishop's Committee would make concerning this matter.

Motion by Johnson and second by Brewer to have the Deacon's Distribution of Communion once a month, and if a clergy person was unavailable for a Eucharist service that month, then the Distribution would occur twice. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine T. Brewer

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Clerk