

Bishop's Committee
Tues., Oct. 14, 1986

Senior Warden Merrill Hunter called the meeting to order at the church at 7:00 p.m. An opening prayer was given by Karen.

PRESENT: Boyd, Brewer, DeLay, Hall, Hunter, Johnson, Moose, Rethorne, Wrobel

ABSENT: Page, Stewart

Karen began the meeting with the announcement that the Standing Committee had approved her ordination to the priesthood. The earliest date for the ordination would be Sunday, Nov. 16. The service would take place at St. John Lutheran Church, and the choir would be a combination of St. Paul's in Brookings, St. John and Grace Episcopal. Approximate time would be 7:00 p.m. Karen will prepare a list of what is to be done. She will ask Grace to host a family guest rehearsal dinner at Grace before the ordination -- about 40 people. There will be a modest reception at St. John Lutheran. We can expect some help from Flandreau and DeSmet.

Karen announced that she will be gone on a retreat to Nashotah House in Wisconsin the week of Oct. 20-25.

On Sun., Nov. 16, there will be a combined WAM service in Flandreau and all three congregations will be invited to participate. More details to follow.

The minutes were approved as corrected. DeLay's name was added to the list of those absent from the Sept. 4 meeting.

The treasurer's report, as attached, was approved.

Hunter will contact J. D. Hansen about the bid for gutter and spot work on the building.

There was some discussion about moving the altar out from the wall or building a portable altar. Karen will call Fr. Pat Generaux in Milbank to find out details about their altar. Johnson will contact Randy Bowman about the cost of building a portable altar.

Then followed discussion about our organ problem. There are some major problems with its functioning, and some of the parts evidently do not exist anymore. Brewer will contact the Doutts in Watertown about checking over the organ. They have repaired it in the past.

The UTO grant for our ministry in Madison, Flandreau and DeSmet has been approved for 18 months, beginning Jan. 1, 1987.

The parish surveys have been collected. Karen will collate them and report back on the final results. She stated that she noted an overwhelming response for adult education in them.

On Oct. 28 , from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., there will begin a six-week adult education class based on the SWEEPS ministry. Karen will prepare a letter for a detailed agenda for every bulletin. We will meet every Tues. except the regular Tues. set aside for Bishop's Committee meetings.

Karen will not be doing the CPE Program in Sioux Falls, as her name got on the list too late.

Alcohol and Drug Awareness Sunday is Nov. 23. Karen suggests that as a community outreach program we sponsor an Alcohol and Drug Awareness evening. She has two people already lined up for the program. We could offer our church as a meeting place -- do something worthwhile for the community. Motion by Wrobel and second by Rethorne. Motion carried. The date will be determined.

Johnson suggested that we exterminate the entire church for bugs. A professional job would be very expensive. Hunter will take care of it.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine T. Brewer
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