

Bishop's Committee
Thurs., Jan. 15, 1987

Senior Warden Merrill Hunter called the meeting to order at the church at 7:45 p.m.

PRESENT: Brewer, Hall, Hunter, Johnson, Moose, Rethorn, Stewart, Wrobel (8)

ABSENT: Boyd, DeLay, Page (3)

The proposed budget for 1987 was distributed, and there was much discussion on how to meet the projected deficit. Hunter said that we would probably have to use some of our rectory fund money invested in Sioux Falls at the Diocesan Office.

Hall said that we could look at more positive approaches to our deficit. Firstly, of course, is an increase in pledges by the parishioners. Secondly, we should look toward evangelism and bringing in more people. We face a challenge towards moving to parish status. Hall feels there is much potential for the three parishes in Madison, Flandreau and DeSmet, and we are at a place now where we must make decisions about the future. Are we willing to make the commitment in time, talent and money for the hard work that is necessary for growth?

Hunter said that we should look on 1987 as an investment in the future rather than as an expense. Our small but loyal band cannot meet the pledge that the diocese has set out for us in 1988 and 1989, but we are hoping that our ranks will grow in our present situation.

Moose made several comments about the church and its potential for growth. He felt we should adopt the budget and work from there.

The budget, as prepared by Rethorn and Stewart, was studied carefully, and some changes and revisions were made. There was much discussion on what items we could eliminate through parishioners giving of their time and donating specific items. Some of the budget items which fell into this category were mowing, cleaning, cleaning supplies and office supplies. It was felt that these items could be eliminated, but we shall leave them on and discuss them at the annual meeting.

Motion by Hunter and second by Rethorn to adopt the budget as amended as a plan for ministry. Motion carried.

Hall suggested that we ask for donations to pay for a babysitter at the Sunday service.

Hall announced that she will be gone the following Sundays:

Jan. 25 -- annual meeting in Flandreau

Feb. 22 -- services at Good Shepherd in Sioux Falls

Feb. 8 -- vacation Sunday

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45.

Respectfully submitted,

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