

Grace Episcopal Church
Annual Meeting
Sun., Jan. 18, 1987

Following an 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion service, there followed a pancake breakfast and annual meeting.

Mother Karen Hall called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Motion by Lois Moose and second by Warner Boyd to reelect the existing Bishop's Committee. Motion carried.

An announcement was made by Hall that Warner Boyd has resigned from the Bishop's Committee. Hall thanked him for all his work, and the congregation responded with a round of applause.

Hall also thanked Ruby Stewart for all her work as treasurer of the church, and the congregation again responded with a round of applause.

Motion by Fred Stewart and second by Cory Wrobel to elect Richard Moose as Junior Warden from the Bishop's Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Hall recognized and thanked Lois and Richard Moose for all they do for the church, from producing and printing the Alpha and Omega to working on the church's physical plant. There followed another round of applause.

The 1987 annual Diocesan convention will be held in Rapid City on Thurs., Fri. and Sat., Oct. 8-9-10. The delegates selected -- we think we are entitled to two this year -- are also delegates to the Eastern Region. No one volunteered for the assignment, but Fred and Ruby Stewart are thinking about it.

Hall wanted some feedback on the portable altar. The altar is on loan from St. Paul's in Brookings, and we have been trying it out for two months. The consensus of the group was that everyone likes it. Motion by Johnson and second by Bev Hunter to look into a permanent portable altar. Motion carried. Further discussion on this was tabled until after the budget discussion.

The budget as recommended by the Bishop's Committee was presented. Much discussion occurred on specific items and what use could be made of the building fund money in Sioux Falls. Specifically, we decided to eliminate some of the current expenses in the following ways. Mike Ragsdale has volunteered to mow the lawn -- Janice Johnson said that Larry Johnson would continue to be responsible for snow removal -- the Guild will organize families to take turns

at church cleaning -- and Janice Johnson will make a sign-up list of supplies for the church and Sunday school.

The Diocesan pledge is up to \$1600.00 this year, and we should consider this the Bishop's challenge to us.

On another item on the budget -- \$72.00 for ChurchNews -- it was suggested that each member pay his own \$3.00 subscription fee, thus eliminating this expense on the budget. Each member can give his money to the treasurer.

Hall stated that the diocese is giving us a lease on life for the next two years in the form of a UTO Grant. We can look at the budget as money spent or as a plan for the ministry. Hall challenges each of us to look at our own stewardship and to increase our 1987 pledge.

Hall spoke of patterns for growth in our parish. She said that Fr. Pat Generaux will be at our next Bishop's Committee meeting on Feb. 19 to talk about growth. Everyone from the parish is urged to attend.

Hall also wants us to have a "Bring a Friend to Church Sunday." She said that 85% of new Episcopalians come because they are invited.

Motion by George DeLay and second by Janice Johnson that we do our own religious survey. Motion carried.

Motion by Rex Page and second by Fred Stewart to accept the 1987 budget as amended -- minus the mowing, cleaning, printing/supplies and ChurchNews -- which would give us a projected deficit of \$3,010.00, based on no growth. Motion carried.

Motion by Hal Rethorn and second by Richard Moose to accept Grace's 1986 Financial Statement, prepared by treasurer Ruby Stewart, and ECW's 1986 Financial Report, as prepared by Violet Witt. Motion carried.

An announcement was made by Hall about a workshop in Valley City, N. Dak. on Mar. 13, 14 and 15 on evangelism in small mission congregations. Hall would encourage anyone interested to attend.

Hall also thanked Kitty Brewer and Janice Johnson for their work in the Sunday school, as well as all of the acolytes and layreaders for their efforts throughout the year. She gave a special thank you to her own family for their support.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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