

Grace Episcopal Church
1988 Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 15, 1989

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

Mo. Hall opened the meeting with prayers at 1:00 p.m.

Mo. Hall announced that "because of the changes and chances of this mortal life, the minutes of the 1987 Annual Meeting have been lost."

Motion by Merrill Hunter and second by Bev Hunter to receive the following reports as contained in the Annual 1988 Report: Vicar's Report, Senior Warden's Report, Junior Warden's Report, and ECW Report. Motion carried.

Motion by Bev Hunter and second by Richard Moose to accept the year-end financial report as distributed. Motion carried.

Treasurer Ruby Stewart requested that members give her \$3.00 to defer the cost of the S.Dak. ChurchNews.

Motion by Richard Moose and second by Bev Hunter to accept the proposed 1989 budget as a guideline for the B.C. for 1989. Motion carried.

Mo. Hall shared some pertinent informational sheets with the members concerning the Episcopal Church. The first concerned the structure of the Church on both the national and the local levels. The second concerned distribution of the diocese of S. Dak.'s \$1.1 million budget. More than half of the diocese's income comes from the National Church, as we are a missionary diocese. . . . 28% diocesan pledges - 12% interest - 5% miscellaneous sources - 55% National Church. Bishop Anderson has asked for double support from the National Church this year. The third sheet concerned the distribution of the diocese's 1988 expenses. Mission support accounts for 47% - 9% episcopate and staff - 19% administrative costs (probably the lowest in any diocese) - 18% program - 7% outreach (our assessment to support the National Church).

Under old business, members read through the Jr. Warden's Report and were told that at the last B.C. meeting it was decided to contract with a structural engineer from Sioux Falls to help us assess our physical plant problems. He will be at Grace on Jan. 18 and will prepare a report to present to the B.C. and to Randy Rheinhartz from the diocesan office. Mo. Hall has a preliminary report from him with several pictures which depict the damage very well. Jr. Warden Richard Moose spoke to the group about the details of the building deterioration.

The cordless mics will, hopefully, be here in a couple of weeks. The organ repair is nearly completed.

Under new business, Mo. Hall reported that the Youth Convention will be held in Watertown on Feb. 17-18-19 and includes students in seventh through twelfth grades. The Bishop will be there, and applications can be procured from Mo. Hall. The registration deadline is Feb. 1.

Mo. Hall mentioned a 10-part PBS series entitled "Ethics in America," scheduled to begin Mon., Jan. 30, as a possibility to use as part of an adult education program. Interest was shown in the group to use the series as a basis for reflections, impressions, dialogue and discussion.

It was noted that a new portable altar was purchased last year as well as processional torches, altar linens and candles. Johnson spoke on the need for new vestments for both acolytes and layreaders. Lois Moose and Janice Johnson will do the measuring, and Patty Ericsson will investigate the financial feasibility of having them made locally as opposed to purchasing them through a church supply catalogue.

Motion by Richard Moose and second by Kitty Brewer to pursue improvements for vestments and a new altar hanging for the Pentecostal season. Motion carried.

Mo. Hall thanked Janice Johnson and Lois Moose for their altar work throughout the year. She also thanked them and Jennifer Jeratowski and Kitty Brewer for their work with the Sunday school.

Motion by Fred Stewart and second by Lois Moose to investigate Episcopal Church welcome signs to be placed in strategic locations around Madison. Motion carried.

Motion by Violet Witt and second by Bev Hunter to reelect and reaffirm the work being done by the existing nine members of the Bishop's Committee plus Mo. Hall. Motion carried.

Motion by Merrill Hunter and second by Richard Moose to elect Janice Johnson and Lois Moose as delegates to Diocesan Convention in Sioux Falls on Oct. 5-7. Motion carried. No alternates were elected.

In her Vicar's Report, Mo. Hall reported on the status of the grant by which she has been partially funded. Due to a sabbatical of a reservation clergyman, the diocese was able to extend her funding through May 31, 1989. The grant submitted to the National Church has yet to be funded.

As part of her new vision, Mo. Hall proposed thinking about three areas -- evangelism -Christian education- pastoral care and outreach. She suggested that we keep our antenna out for ways to involve Grace Church in the community through time, effort and commitment to things that do not cost money.

Motion by Lois Moose and second by Fred Stewart to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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