

Bishop's Committee
Tuesday, May 16, 1989

PRESENT: Brewer, Hall, Hunter, Johnson, Moose, F. Stewart, R. Stewart

ABSENT: DeLay, Page, Rethorn

GUEST: Patti Ericsson

Mo. Karen opened the meeting at Grace Church at 8:15 p.m. with prayers.

Motion by Hunter and second by Johnson to approve the April minutes.
Motion carried.

Treasurer Ruby Stewart reported a May 14 bank balance of \$71.91. Motion by Moose and second by Johnson to approve the April Treasurer's Report.
Motion carried.

Discussion took place about our options concerning the church's structural damage. A list was handed out showing the options in order of preference, as discussed at a previous Bishop's Committee meeting. Senior Warden Merrill Hunter will conduct a special meeting on Sunday after church with the congregation at which time everyone will have an opportunity to ask questions and share views. Mo. Karen does not anticipate making a firm decision at that time.

A brief discussion was held concerning a priest after Mo. Karen leaves in August. She stated that we would have two options open to us. Right now it looks as if there will be a supply priest twice a month and one day a week. The possibility exists, however, to have a non-stipendary priest who also has a secular job. We should know something more about this situation by mid-June.

A member of this congregation, Patti Ericsson, who will be unable to attend Sunday's congregational meeting, shared her feelings with the B. C. about her desire for a careful and slow approach to the problem of the church's structural damage. She feels that the possibilities for preservation of the current structure should be explored before making any other decisions.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine T. Brewer

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Clerk

May 21, 1989

1. 7 Conduct services in Guild Hall by fall; close off the church with minimum maintenance. This would be an interim solution while long-range solutions are found.
2. 4 Tear down existing building (\$3,000-5,000). Replace with steel frame shell. Possible cost - \$25,000+ depending on adding several options, e.g. brick facing, landscaping, interior similiar to existing sanctuary.
3. 0 Hold services at a different location; close existing church.
4. 7 Temporary brace and/or shoring of north wall. Possible cost \$10,000-\$15,000 for a 4 year investment. After that, a long-range decision would have to be made.
5. 0 Rebuild church per Spitznagel recomendation. Cost depending on structure, \$80,000 -\$125,000.
6. 3 Rebuild church per Spitznagel recommendation. Cost: \$225,000. Complete restoration.
7. 3 Investigate construction companies that specialize in barn/silo reconstruction. Several firms listed in Dakota Farmer magazine.
8. 6 Fix just the north wall; new foundaton; brick instead of stone. Add gutters and down spouts to prevent further deterioration of the rest of building.
9. 1 Do nothing at this time.

A special congregation meeting was held on May 21 to look at our various options with regards to the repair/restoration of our sanctuary. There was thoughtful and provocative dialogue in this matter. The options listed above were presented and those present at that meeting prioritized them. The figures listed above are those options that the congregation could live with. A couple of comments, however. Option one seemed to be a good compromise for the immediate future. However, there was little interest in moving the pews into the guild hall. The feeling was that a minimum of furniture from the sanctuary should be moved. There was also a feeling expressed by several that the optimum solution would be complete restoration, and that if there could be a temporary solution, that would give the church time to seek outside funding either through the church or through private foundations.

The Bishop's Commitee will be considering your wishes at their June meeting. If you wish to be present at that meeting, please feel free to do so. Your input is valuable.