

Bishop's Committee
Grace Episcopal Church
Tuesday, July 18, 1989

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

ABSENT: DeLay, Rethorn

GUESTS: Pat Genereux, Bev Hunter, Jennifer Jeratowski,
Randy Reinartz

The meeting began at 7:50 with prayers.

As the minutes for the June meeting were not available,
motion by Page and second by Johnson to dispense with them.
Motion carried.

The June financial statement was presented by treasurer Ruby
Stewart. Motion by Hunter and second by Page to accept the
report as presented. Motion carried.

Mo. Hall thanked the ECW for all its efforts in making the
funeral arrangements for Vannie Stillson.

Johnson reported on behalf of the Committee for Funds for
Restoration of the Church. She pointed out that the
impossible dream is \$250,000. Right now a brochure is in
the making and enough will be made up to have available for
our centennial in 1990. The scope of the effort will be
threefold: solicitations, fundraising (in and out of the
congregation) and loans.

A meeting was held the previous Friday with committee
members Janice Johnson and Lois Moose, Mo. Hall and diocesan
treasurer Randy Reinartz. They all agreed that although it
did loom an impossible task, we would never know the
possibilities unless we tried. A decision was made to
reevaluate our situation after one year.

She stated that the problem now was where to get the money
for the postage and the printing. She felt that a minimum
of \$200.00 was needed to get things going, and as the
Committee wishes to get things in gear by Sept. 1, a
decision would have to be made.

Much discussion followed as to the amount of money needed
and the source of the funds. It was generally agreed that
because there was a strong sense in the church -- via
meetings and questionnaires -- to make an attempt at
restoration, the worse case scenario would be that we would

only be able to raise enough to fix the church. Randy Reinartz of the Diocesan Office suggested that we request the maximum interest from Grace's Rectory Account with the Diocese. He suggested that we receive permission from the Diocesan Council.

Motion by Hunter and second by Brewer to endorse the Committee's proposal for the initial mailing to prospects for donations, the seed money to come from the current interest accrued from Grace's Rectory account with the Diocese. Motion carried.

Mo. Hall stated that Fr. Al Lewis of Sioux Falls would be available as an interim priest for Flandreau and Madison. For \$400.00 a month for Madison and \$150.00 a month for Flandreau, he would be available for three Sundays, hospital calls, funerals, weddings, emergencies and modest midweek duties, perhaps including confirmation.

Much discussion took place on the status of our current financial situation, as well as our concern over losing the momentum that we have gained with Mo. Hall. Many were also concerned that the confirmation classes begun by Mo. Hall would be continued by Fr. Lewis, thus making them part of our agreement with him. Genereux also advised the group that a decision would have to be made at some point about how we viewed Fr. Lewis' connection with our parish -- interim priest (time specific), supply priest (open-ended) or 1/4 time.

Motion by Page and second by Moose to employ the services of Fr. Al Lewis from Sioux Falls to include two Sundays a month for a negotiable fee, not to exceed \$275.00. Motion carried.

Mo. Hall advised us that Fr. Lewis would be a guest priest with us on Sunday, July 30. A pancake breakfast, congregational meeting and brief Bishop's Committee meeting will follow the service.

Janice Johnson advised the group that she and Lois Moose, delegates to the Diocesan Convention in Sioux Falls in October, will be needing help with their expenses. A very minimum per person expense will be \$125.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine T. Brewer
Clerk