

Annual Meeting
Grace Episcopal Church
Sunday, January 28, 1990

Fr. Al Lewis opened the meeting with prayers at 1:20 p.m.

Bishop Anderson made some opening remarks before his departure. He realizes that fund raising for the restoration of the church will be difficult, and he offers the church the assistance of the diocese in helping us explore our options. He congratulated the church on its outstanding group of six confirmands. This year there will be an emphasis on the diocese in two areas -- evangelism and youth ministry. "It's time to stop talking about it and start doing it." There will be diocesan workshops set up on developing an understanding of evangelism and church growth, and a youth task force has been established to direct attention and support to our young people. He also asked us to be aware of local people who may be interested in the diaconate.

There were no questions or corrections to the Annual Meeting booklets which were dispersed.

Treasurer Ruby Stewart said we currently have 9 pledges. There was much discussion about the \$1600 diocesan pledge which we have been asked to meet. It was pointed out that last year we had to go into debt to meet our pledge. Motion by Brewer and second by Lois Moose to pledge a minimum of \$1000 or 10% of our income (excluding memorial gifts for special projects) to the diocese in 1990. Motion carried.

Fr. Al informed us that mission churches were required to pay only \$2.00 per head for S.Dak. Churchnews, while parishes are billed at \$4.00 per head.

Motion by D. Sanford and second by R. Moose to accept the Annual Meeting Reports as distributed. Motion carried.

It was noted that the interest from Grace Church's account at the diocesan office is not reflected in the budget. Up to \$500 of this interest money can be used for fundraising.

Motion by R. Moose and second by R. Stewart for nominations to cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for the following. Motion carried.

Senior Warden -- Merrill Hunter
Junior Warden -- Vacancy
Treasurer -- Ruby Stewart
Clerk -- Kitty Brewer
Delegates to Oct. 5 & 6 Diocesan Convention in Watertown -- Kitty Brewer & Lois Moose
Bishop's Committee -- Jan Sanford

Under new business, the cleaning situation at the church was discussed. As there is no money for this, we must institute a more efficient method amongst ourselves to see that the proper care and cleaning of the church will occur. Brewer volunteered to take charge of signing families up and will also organize an all-church spring cleaning before Easter and a fall cleaning in October.

The group issued a round of applause and an enthusiastic thanks to Richard Moose who has served as Jr. Warden for the last four years.

Concerning the fundraising effort for the church's renovation, Lois Moose passed around a brochure and a letter/form for our perusal. Some discussion was held about suggested payments and other monetary concerns. A concern was expressed that we must be specific about collecting for the renovation. Ethically, if we are not able to collect enough funds for that, we have to let all donors know that we would like the privilege of turning to Plan B. Also, the money collected for fundraising belongs in Madison--the diocese does not have control over that. It was also suggested that we place the official diocesan seal--the phone numbers of the diocesan office and the senior warden--on the letters and brochures to lend the effort credibility. Lois said there would be a test run of 100 soon. Suggestions were made to go out into the community and speak at luncheons--get articles published in newspapers--to expose the community to what we are doing.

The next Bishop Committee meeting will be on Feb. 22, and the major issue discussed will be the fund raising effort. Lois will be there.

Motion by Sanford to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine T. Brewer

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