

Bishop's Committee  
Grace Episcopal Church  
Monday, June 11, 1984

Senior Warden Merrill Hunter called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

An opening prayer was given by Fr. Wagner.

PRESENT: Merrill Hunter, Lola Boyd, Jim Pearson, George Delay, Kitty Brewer, Janice Johnson, Werner Boyd, Harold Rethorne, Fr. Robert Wagner. ABSENT: None.

The minutes of the April 9 meeting were read by Clerk Kitty Brewer and were accepted as read.

Treasurer Lola Boyd reported a balance on hand of \$1078.57. The report was accepted as read.

Motion by Pearson and seconded by Johnson that the church buy its own telephone and that any necessary repairs are made on our phone system. Motion carried. Delay volunteered to handle this.

Lola Boyd will make a payment on our quota this month.

In his Rector's Report, Fr. Wagner reported that he will resume duties on July 29. The seven baptisms at the June 9 service were recorded and indexed. Fr. Wagner gave special thanks and recognition to Janice Johnson for all her work and coordination for this event.

Fr. Wagner announced that Fr. Hall from Brookings had presented Grace Episcopal with the gift of an altar missal. Fr. Wagner felt it appropriate to not only acknowledge this gift, but also to acknowledge his services to our parish and request that he be available to us for emergencies. Motion by Delay and seconded by Pearson to write a formal letter to this effect. Motion carried. Merrill Hunter volunteered to handle this.

Lola Boyd will order more baptismal certificates from Morehouse Barlow.

The organist problem will be addressed by Fr. Wagner when he returns from summer vacation.

Fr. Gordon Plowe of Mitchell has requested that he be allowed to celebrate Holy Communion at Grace Episcopal when he visits Madison on Aug. 26. Fr. Wagner granted him permission for this and Merrill Hunter will confirm in a letter.

Kitty Brewer reported on the contact with Madison Music and organ/piano repairman Marvin Todd. He recommended contacting Glen Jensen from Watertown for our organ repairs. He also reported that the piano --Emerson Upright #68438 (1900)-- can be put in working condition for between \$150 to \$175. This would include topping pins, raising pitch and tuning and repairing only broken parts in action. A complete rebuilding would run from \$900 to \$1200, depending on the strings.

Motion by Delay and seconded by Lola Boyd that Gene Doult of Watertown be contacted about the organ. Fr. Wagner added that we call and make contact and then take the organ to Watertown in order to save money. Hunter and Brewer will make a call to make arrangements.. There was some discussion on the amount of money acceptable to repair the organ. Motion carried.

Motion by Pearson and seconded by Delay that we get another piano estimate from Ken Lotspeich.

Fr. Wagner informed the Bishop's Committee that he is looking for church pastoral responsibilities. He advised us to discuss his contract renewal while he is on vacation. He estimated that it will cost the church from \$180-300 a month, depending on what we want from the contract. He recommends that for continuity of ministry, it would cost us \$300 a month -- \$3600 plus 15% a year -- equalling \$4080. This would provide us with 5 units of work a month. This will be discussed at the July 9 meeting of the Bishop's Committee.

Wagner recommended that the Church School Committee meet with him after he returns in July. He is concerned with the continued involvement of all members of families in the church. He wants people to come to our church and find a professional operation. He will train the Education Committee. His goal is to begin church at 10:30, exit at 11:20 for Sunday School and adult classes and all depart at noon. He wants all family members to some together and leave together, avoiding the habit of parents dropping their children off for Sunday School and picking them up.

Fr. Wagner wants to have three goals accomplished by Labor Day:

- 1) Organist
- 2) Sunday School
- 3) Acolytes

The July agenda will include:

- 1) Contract with Fr. Wagner
- 2) Sunday School/Education Committee
- 3) Physical Plant
- 4) Organ and Piano

Meeting adjourned at 9:15.

Respectfully submitted,

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