

Bishop's Committee
Grace Episcopal Church
Monday, September 10, 1984

Senior Warden Merrill Hunter called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

The minutes of the July 9 meeting were read by Clerk Kitty Brewer and accepted as read. For lack of a quorum, the August meeting was not held.

In the absence of a treasurer's report, due to the recent death of treasurer Lola Boyd, discussion ensued on the use of Lola's memorial money. Warner Boyd suggested that Lola wished for fans to be placed in the church. Hunter reported that an electrician had looked over the situation at the church and suggested three fans, soon to be on sale for \$80 apiece, plus installation. Motion by Rethorne and seconded by Pearson to install fans. Motion carried.

Discussion took place on the appointment of a new church treasurer. Motion by DeLay and seconded by Pearson to contact Fred Stewart about the position and to appoint Hunter as interim treasurer. Motion carried. DeLay volunteered to talk with Fred Stewart.

Hunter reported that the Word of Life Church in Colman had contacted him about using our church facilities for meetings on Sunday nights, plus meetings on three or four consecutive nights, once a month. Hunter stated that this church is tied to a national organization. Much discussion took place as to the financial and practical implications of allowing this group to use our facilities. Motion by Boyd and seconded by Johnson to table this matter. Motion carried. DeLay and Hunter have volunteered to do field research into the Word of Life church.

In his Rector's Report, Fr. Wagner mentioned that the Commission on Ministry in Pierre had interviewed Jim Pearson for postulancy in the Episcopal church, a first step to becoming a priest. The Commission will report to Bishop Anderson on its recommendation, and if accepted, Jim will be included in our prayers in church as "James, our Postulant."

Wagner reported on the Eastern Regional meeting in Sioux Falls on Sunday, Sept. 23, as well as the state Episcopal Church Convention in Mobridge on Oct. 5-7. He also stated that he is working on the organist situation and that Marcia Wenk has agreed to play, beginning on Oct. 1.

Discussion took place on the Sunday School situation. Pearson reported that Gloria Pearson has agreed to be Supt. of the Sunday School. Wagner set up a Christian Education Committee meeting for Monday, Sept. 24, and stressed that this meeting included all phases of Christian education -- adults, acolytes,

layreaders and Sunday school. Wagner designated Brewer to identify potential key people for the Christian Education meeting.

Wagner pointed out that his contract agreement must be passed by the Bishop's Committee.

He also set up the remainder of our meetings for 1984 -- Thursday, Oct. 11 -- Monday, Nov. 5 -- Monday, Dec. 3.

The group then proceeded to discuss at length the preliminary list of work projects which was compiled at the July 9 meeting. Many volunteered for specific work tasks and several items should be taken care of by the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine T. Brewer

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Clerk