

† Grace Episcopal Church
Madison, South Dakota 57042

Bishop's Committee
Tuesday, May 28, 1985

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

PRESENT: Warner Boyd, Kitty Brewer, Karen Hall, Merrill Hunter, Janice Johnson, Rex Page, Jim Pearson, Ruby Stewart

ABSENT: George DeLay, Hal Rethorn

Junior Warden Jim Pearson opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes of the May 5 meeting were presented and a correction was made in the attendance roster. Pearson was absent from the meeting, not present as reported. Motion by Pearson and seconded by Johnson to accept the amended minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer Ruby Stewart reported a balance of \$344.92 as of May 28, 1985. Motion by Page and seconded by Johnson to accept the report. Motion carried.

Karen Hall thanked the Bishop's Committee for its formal call to serve Grace Church, stating that we are a pioneer church in South Dakota for calling not only a woman but also a lay vicar. After reading through the minutes of the Bishop's Committee for the past two years, Hall had several questions. An administrative structure for the church had been talked about but never formulated, and she felt this would be helpful. It is also her desire to begin a formalized stewardship campaign, with a goal of fifteen (15) pledging units, as well as a formalized budget. Both of these had been talked about in the past but neither had been accomplished.

She also informed us that she is constantly seeking priests to bring us Holy Communion, and Bishop Gēsner will be with us on June 9.

Hall stated that it was very important for us to think about what we are willing to do and what we are willing to commit ourselves to. Every member of the Committee was then given an opportunity to state his views concerning our parish.

Hall shared several of her ideas for our church. She plans

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to make visitations and have lunch with parishioners on Tuesdays and Thursdays during June. After July 4 she would like to have workshops for the Bishop's Committee. She pointed out that the church is dying in many respects, but she feels that the Lord has a real mission for Grace Church. She has several suggestions for us to use to build on our sense of family. Hall plans to send a letter to everyone in the parish, informing them of her internship with us.

Pearson stated that Ethel Roberts, one of our parishioners who has recently moved to The Good Samaritan nursing home in Howard, would like to be with us for Holy Communion on June 9. Arrangements were made for Page to pick her up and Brewer to take her home. Johnson said that there will be a birthday party for Ethel in Howard at the Home on June 18, and she will announce it to the church.

Hall added that she would like to begin or end each Bishop's Committee with Compline, so it was decided to begin meetings at 7:15. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 9, at 7:15 p.m.

After a benediction by Hall, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine T. Brewer

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Clerk