



Grace Episcopal Church

Madison, South Dakota 57042

Bishop's Committee
Tuesday, July 9, 1985

Senior Warden Merrill Hunter called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

PRESENT: Warner Boyd, Kitty Brewer, George DeLay, Karen Hall,
Merrill Hunter, Janice Johnson, Ruby Stewart

ABSENT: Rex Page, Jim Pearson, Hal Rethorn

Lay Vicar Karen Hall opened the meeting with Evening Prayer.

Motion by Boyd and seconded by Stewart to approve the May 28 minutes as mailed out. Motion carried.

Treasurer Ruby Stewart reported a balance of \$359.69 as of June 30, 1985. Hunter and DeLay were given authority to act immediately on consolidation of the church's various checking, savings and savings certificates at First Bank, keeping a record of the designated funds and reporting their findings at the next meeting. Motion by Brewer and seconded by Boyd to accept both the treasurer's report and the action by Hunter and DeLay. Motion carried.

Hunter commented on various ways of getting Ethel Roberts from the Howard nursing home to church in Madison. He suggested asking the Davisons, Episcopalians from Howard, to bring her.

Hunter also stated that he will have a bid from Brandeis for painting the church tower by the next meeting.

Boyd suggested that we make extra copies of the Bishop's Committee meetings available for the parishioners. Everyone agreed this would facilitate communication within the church, so the copies will be left on the back table in the parish hall.

Brewer, chairperson of the local T.I.M.E. campaign, reported 17 pledging units, raising \$7,099.00, 121% of our goal. Hunter accepted the report and expressed gratitude to Brewer and Stewart, treasurer of the local drive, for an excellent job.

Hunter reported that Brian Gentz, pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church, was putting together a going-away purse for Jim Pearson. Anyone who would like to contribute should contact him.

DeLay reported on four areas in the church that need work: attic, foundation, sacristy and window. He feels that right now the most important thing is to get the church winterized, in order to save on our astronomical heating bills. He stated that the infrared aerial photo of the church shows great heat loss. His recommendation is that we

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insulate all windows in the church -- except those in the main church -- by insulating the sashways and sealing up the windows. The attic above the main church should also be insulated. Johnson will get her husband to check on the cost of doing the windows and attic insulation. Johnson also pointed out the heat loss in the sacristy and will get her husband to estimate that cost. It was also pointed out that if the foundation is not too bad, we can use tar. DeLay felt that a deadline of October 15 should be set for the winterization.

Hall reported that we shall have Holy Communion on July 28 -- Morning Prayer with her on July 14, July 21 and August 4 -- possibly Holy Communion with Bishop Gesner on Aug. 11, with Father Plough on Aug. 18, and possibly with Fr. Davis on Aug. 25. Hall will fill in as we need her, depending upon when the various priests are available for services. Hall will also try to line up Communion services for us in Sept. and Oct. She also said that Father Steve Hall will come to Madison once a month for Communion, after Fr. Thornborne returns to Brookings.

Our next meeting will be Tues., Aug. 13, at 7:15 pm.

Because of the evening's time limitation, Hall decided against talking with us on stewardship (people and money) and pastoral care. She does, however, want to address these issues at a future meeting.

It was decided to have a stewardship breakfast for the church on July 21, with Hunter in charge. Hall requested that every member of the parish, in preparation, reread the Baptismal Covenant, found on pp. 304-305 of the Prayer Book, as it is the basis upon which one talks about stewardship.

After a closing prayer by Hall, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine T. Brewer

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Clerk