

Grace Episcopal Church
Annual Meeting
Sun., Feb. 2 , 1986

Following an 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service with Bishop Anderson and Karen Hall, there followed a potluck dinner and annual meeting.

Senior Warden Merrill Hunter called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. We dispensed with the traditional prayer and opted to sing hymn 718 in deference to the seven astronauts who were killed in the space shuttle Challenger's explosion earlier that week.

Motion by Page and second by Bev Hunter to accept the minutes from the 1985 annual meeting but to dispense with the reading of those minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Judy Payne and second by Page to accept the 1985 annual financial statement. Motion carried.

Motion by Bev Hunter and second by Richard Moose to accept the oral report on ECW by President Janice Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Judy Payne and second by Richard Moose to accept the ECW Treasurer's report by Violet Witt. Motion carried.

Motion by Richard Moose and second by Bev Hunter to accept the oral Sunday School report by Kitty Brewer. Motion carried.

An oral report on the UTO offering was given by Myrtle Newcomb. She reported a contribution of \$245.60 for 1985, as compared with \$218.01 for 1984.

Karen Hall spoke briefly to the meeting, stating that the highlight of her year was working with Grace Church during the summer of 1985. Although we have the potential to double the size of our congregation, she feels that the most important thing for us at present is to strengthen our own faith before we reach out to others. We are at a crossroads, for we are a strong, lively, warm and caring community, and we need to build on that. Because we are at a crossroads, we need to pray daily for direction, and she hopes that we can feel this sense of excitement. She is very glad to be back.

The nominating committee submitted the following names to fill the following vacant positions:

Bishop's Committee: Cory Wrobel
Richard Moose

Delegates to the Annual Convocation: George and Evelyn DeLay, delegates
Richard and Lois Moose, alternates

Motion by Brewer and second by Bev Hunter to accept the nominations.
Motion carried.

Bishop Anderson reported that he had recently spent a few days in Washington, D.C., attending the installation of Bishop Browning. While there he spent a lot of time with Jim and Gloria Pearson. He visited with Jim's professors and learned that he is a fine student and well-liked by everyone there.

Katen referred to a "crossroads" and we are indeed there in the Diocese. He stated that we have added four new priests to the Diocese in the past year, but it is now time to move beyond merely surviving.

"I'm excited about Madison." We have been without a full time priest for 15 years, and now it is time to test this effort in Madison for the next year to year and a half.

He feels that by 1990, we can double the size of the Diocese. Before we can do this, however, we have to discover ourselves as Episcopalians and then evangelism will take care of itself. If our own roots run deeply, we shall be attractive to others. We need to move from survival to fulfillment.

We have all the ingredients but, he cautioned, do not expect Karen to do it all. "She needs help from you."

We were one of the first churches in the state. "Why are we one of the smallest?"

Our venture requires leadership, commitment and hard work. A year ago we were just dreaming, and now we are bringing that dream to fruition.

Senior Warden Hunter closed the meeting by stating that we had had an every-member canvas and that everyone had agreed to increase his pledge in 1986.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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