

Bishop's Committee
Wed., May 27, 1986

Senior Warden Merrill Hunter called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. An opening prayer was given by Karen Hall.

PRESENT: Boyd, Brewer, DeLay, Hall, Hunter, Johnson,
Moose, Stewart, Wrobel

ABSENT: Page

Motion by Wrobel and second by Johnson to approve the April 16 minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report carried a balance of \$607.77 as of April 30, 1986, plus a clergy balance of \$450.00, set aside for a quarterly pension balance. Motion by DeLay and second by Wrobel to accept the report. Motion carried.

Moose and DeLay reported on their meeting with Bishop Anderson on May 20.

Moose reported that the Bishop stated that in financing a priest, the parsonage fund would not be further invaded. The UTO grant will be used, and if that does not go through, then T.I.M.E. funds will be used.

The bulk of Karen's ministry will be in Madison, while those of DeSmet and Flancreau will be secondary.

DeLay's report stated that Fr. Bob Utlaut of Watertown and Fr. Pat Generaux of Milbank also attended the meeting and would be working with Karen.

It is the intent of the Bishop to reimburse the parsonage fund, but he did not state where the reimbursement would come from. DeLay feels we should follow up on this.

The Bishop emphasized that he did not like the church owning property. The reason he used the parsonage fund was that it was certain; he was unsure of the T.I.M.E. fund at that time.

The Bishop was emphatic that if Karen were spread too thin, nothing would succeed. Flancreau and DeSmet are important but she cannot do it all.

The Bishop asked Grace: What is our mission? How intent are we in achieving that mission? Along with financing, are we dedicated to the cause?

Motion by DeLay and second by Moose that we respond to the March 4 letter from the Bishop to the Bishop's Committee recommending that we accept the letter. We should add information such as funding for the 1987-88 year as reimbursement of the parsonage fund and that Grace is Karen's primary responsibility. Motion carried.

Some discussion on hiring the man who does tuck pointing in rock for \$50 instead of a major overhaul. It was decided to table this discussion until Karen talks to the architectural engineer from the Diocese.

Deacon's Report:

- 1) Card to Fr. Richards at St. Luke's Episcopal Church on the 25th anniversary of his ordination.
- 2) Fr. Bob Utlaut and Fr. Pat Generaux, Chairman of the Commission on Ministry, are the supervisors of Karen's deaconate. She will meet with them on an occasional basis, perhaps monthly. Fr. Bob Wagner has agreed to a mentor -- not a priest supervisor but a friend -- and provide her with a reading list and discussion on management training and leadership skills.
- 3) Scheduling -- Meet with Flandreau sometime soon to determine schedule for WAM fellowship.
- 4) New schedule -- Note insert.
- 5) One of the concerns with meeting of the Bishop was the ministry at DSC. Has been meeting with Ministerial Association. UMHE has provided \$300.00 for this ministry at DSC. Karen plans to be present at DSC's registration.
- 6) Niobrara Summer Seminary -- obligated by Bishop to attend as deacon -- at St. Mary's in Springfield -- June 9-13 and June 16-19.
- 7) Will be on vacation from July 25-Aug. 9. Karen has 30 days vacation as a Diocesan employee.
- 8) Agenda for the June 24 meeting will be the program for church growth which we worked on under Fr. Wagner. Please study your copy and be prepared to answer these questions:
 - 1) Is this what you want to do? Does this still express our desires?
 - 2) What do you want to do? What investment are willing to make? Do you want to do something else instead?We should take the summer to answer these questions, and by fall we should have a sense of forward progress.

The next meeting will be Tues., June 24 with layreaders at 7:00 p.m. and bishop's committee at 7:30 p.m.

Other concerns of Karen's:

- 1) The possibility of deacon's distribution of communion every Sun. that Karen is here.
- 2) Diocese is operating in deficit of \$25,000 at the moment --consider matter of stewardship--begin to look at our own pledges, understanding that tithing is our own personal pledge to the church.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine T. Brewer

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