

BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MEETING  
GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Madison, S.D. 57042

Date: July 16, 1987

Called to order at 7:30 P.M.

Present: Mother Karen, Merrill, Hal, Janice, George, Cori, Ruby

Absent: Rex, Kitty, Richard

Mother Karen requested the following corrections be made in the minutes of the meeting in June: The money given to the church was from the estate of DeEtte Dockendorf, and on page 2 the workshop was a stewardship workshop, not a small church workshop.

Motion to approve ammended minutes by George; second, Merrill. Motion carried.

Old business:

Cori reported on the altar commitee. Janice had contacted Jim Boetel to give an estimate. He would be coming to the church either this evening or on July 20 to make the estimate. A bid would also be sought from Randy Bowman.

Ruby arrived and gave the Treasurer Report. Motion to approve by Hal; second, Janice. Motion carried.

Mother Karen reported that Hal performed an internal audit, which was then sent to the diocese. The diocese requested Hal's credentials, as there was some concern with the audit being done from within the church. Diocese has not asked for it to be redone, but will probably need to be done differently next year. Mother Karen also reported that the diocese was impressed with Hal's work, and would be contacting him about joining the audit committee.

Motion was made by George that the minutes reflect that the audit was performed by Hal, with <sup>our</sup> sincere thanks, and that the report be published in the Alpha and Omega; second, Merrill. Motion carried.

Cori volunteered to make a sign up sheet for altar flowers, to include a space for memorials so it may be included in the bulletin.

New Business:

Mother Karen suggested a Bishop's Committee retreat for quiet time to discuss what we want for the church and our responsibility for mission. She has contacted Bishop Anderson about conducting the retreat, and the Blue Cloud Abbey near Milbank for the location. The only dates that both are available is Sept 18-19. Kitty and Richard had indicated to her they would probably be able to attend. Merrill, Cori and Hal expressed interest and could probably attend. Janice, George, and Ruby would check if they could make it. Mother Karen said she needed to know ASAP so she can let Blue Cloud Abbey know. The cost is \$20 per person which includes all meals and lodging. There are additional costs of 50¢ per person to have coffee served and \$1.00 per person for wine and a cheese tray that we may opt for. Karen said she can help defray some of these additional costs if needed.

Motion was made by Janice to have the retreat on Friday, Sept. 18 and Saturday, Sept. 19 at the Blue Cloud Abbey; second, Hal. Motion carried

Mother Karen will contact the Blue Cloud Abbey and Bishop Anderson to confirm that we are on for the retreat.

Janice reported on the stewardship workshop she attended. Motion by George; second by Merrill to have the highlights of the workshop written up by Janice and included in the Alpha and Omega, and that our thanks be expressed to Janice for attending. Motion carried.

Mother Karen asked that we read through the handouts before the next meeting scheduled for August 20, 1987. We would have a brief business meeting at that time, then spend the rest of the meeting discussing stewardship.

It was announced that a meeting was being held on Wednesday, July 22, 1987 to discuss the Sunday school and to evaluate a new curriculum called Joy. If it is decided to adapt it, it will mean buying booklets for the kids. The question was raised of how to fund it? George requested an estimate. It was estimated that a maximum of \$150 would be needed, which would include all the necessary materials. It was decided that at the present time the budget cannot sustain this expense. Janice volunteered to take a telephone poll of ECW for their feelings on using their funds to purchase Sunday School materials, and would report back at the next meeting.

Motion by Janice, second, Hal to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Cori Wrobel

Substitute to the substitute secretary