

Bishop's Committee  
Thursday, August 20, 1987

PRESENT: Brewer, Hall, Johnson, Moose, Page, Stewart,  
Wrobel

ABSENT: Hunter, Rethorn, Stewart

The minutes and the treasurer's report as submitted were approved.

Moose reported that bids are being taken on the portable altar. Randy Bowman has submitted a bid, and Jim Boetel will be submitting one. Moose also has two others lined up for bids.

Moose also reported that the organ repairman will be in Madison within the next couple of weeks. The delay has been due to sickness.

Wrobel will organize the schedule for altar flowers.

There was an all-day Sunday school meeting on July 22 at Grace. This was led by a parishioner from Brookings and attended by Mo. Karen and teachers from Madison and Flandreau. There will be two classes in Madison, in addition to a special session for teenagers. Sunday school material will be paid for by the guild and parishioners.

There will be a Bishop's Committee retreat on Sept. 18 and 19 at Blue Cloud Abbey in Marvin. The working retreat will be led by Bishop Anderson and will cost members \$22.00.

Hall reported that on Sept. 6 she will be on vacation but that Pastor Gentz will give the sermon. She will also be gone on Sept. 20 for a meeting and potluck dinner with the Bishop in Flandreau.

Some plans for the coming year were discussed. The annual meeting date was set for January 31, 1988. Mo. Karen asked us to give some thought as to whether we would support the idea of an Every Member Canvas for a stewardship drive. The option would be to continue with the faith budget as we now operate. She also queried the group about participation in adult education. She asked us to give some thought to what we would like to study and an appropriate evening.

Mo. Karen stated that she has to put together an evaluation of her ministry and asked for feedback on her performance and recommendations and ideas for the future.

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Several comments were made in response to her query. One member commented that on the positive side, the services are excellent, the sermons are outstanding and the organ music is regular. On the negative side, we are experiencing slow growth and are still on thin ice financially. Another stated that our growth is probably mirrored by all the churches in the Midwest. Our attendance this past summer has been up appreciably from last year, and this shows a higher level of commitment. One member also stated that the basics are all there but whether it makes any difference remains to be seen. Other comments included Mo. Karen's excellent Bible study group and her quality pastoral care.

DeLay suggested some ideas for insulating the floor in the church. He will head a committee to investigate this.

Motion by Moose and second by Wrobel to adjourn the meeting at 8:45. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Katherine T. Brewer*

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Clerk