

Bishop's Committee
Thursday, Sept. 24, 1987

PRESENT: Brewer, Hall, DeLay, Hunter, Johnson, Moose, Page, Rethorn, Wrobel

ABSENT: Stewart

Mo. Karen opened the meeting with Evening Prayer. She then requested the five B.C. members who went to the Blue Cloud Abbey retreat on Sept. 18 and 19 to share their thoughts on the experience. Some of the thoughts expressed were as follows.

The B.C. has a larger purpose. It is not just to pay bills but to support one another as we represent the church. The best way to experience church growth is to stop talking about it. We all agreed that the B.C. meetings have not been very productive. We have let finances dominate our meetings and have not spent enough time and effort in being a group. We need an outreach project. We need to spend a small percentage of our time on financial matters and a much larger amount on spiritual matters through prayer and reflection. We felt we needed to restructure our meetings so that they become something we anticipate rather than dread. The growth of the church will only happen as this group grows in a spiritual way and has a commitment to outreach. We cannot ask the congregation to be something we are not.

Mo. Karen stated that we discussed individual gifts and talents at the retreat and the necessity of using ours to best advantage. She does not feel that one of her gifts is chairing a meeting. The group discussed ways of structuring the B.C. to make the best use of our individual talents. Motion by DeLay and second by Hunter to establish six standing committees and one ad hoc committee withing the B.C. The junior warden, the senior warden and the priest will bring recommendations for these committees to the body at the next meeting. Motion carried.

The committees are as follows:

- Public relations/Outreach
- Finance
- Building/Grounds/Maintenance
- Pastoral care/Welcome
- Worship
- Christian education
- Nominating (ad hoc)

Motion by Page and second by Moose to accept the minutes and the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

It was noted that our diocesan pledge has an unpaid balance of \$1234.00 but that our insurance and the Church News are paid up.

Motion by Delay and second by Wrobel to have the treasurer's report designate an accounts owed section. Motion carried.

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Hunter noted that we are required to make an evaluation of Mo. Hall's ministry, so perhaps this will give us ideas for directions and goals for our committees.

Motion by Page and second by Moose to accept Boetel's bid on the portable altar up to \$600.00. This would include castors, doors, oak veneer plywood but no oak top. DeLay requested a roll call vote. Motion carried with a vote of seven to two.

Please let Mo. Karen know if you are interested in adult education.

Motion by Moose and second by Wrobel to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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