

Bishop's Committee  
Tues., Nov. 17, 1987

PRESENT: Brewer, Hall, Hunter, Stewart

ABSENT: DeLay, Johnson, Moose, Page, Rethorn

Mo. Karen opened the meeting with Evening Prayer. There followed a discussion on the Gospel lesson.

Minutes of the November 17 meeting were approved by consensus.

The treasurer's report was also approved by a consensus. Income as of Dec. 17 was \$1484.92. This amount includes \$900.00 interest from Grace's diocesan investment.

Stewart reported on a temporary 1988 budget worked out by DeLay, Rethorn, and Stewart. Income, including interest, totalled \$9925.00 while disbursements were \$12,850. There is a \$2925.00 short fall between income and disbursements.

Mo. Karen pointed out that the budget will have to be approved at the church's annual meeting on January 31. Also, copies of the budget will be available to the parishoners for the Every Member Canvass.

Most of the meeting was spent in carefully going over and revising the Letter of Mutual Understanding and Expectations for the Mission Clergy. This letter is put out by Bishop Anderson and outlines what he expects of the mission clergy. We refined the eight page document to be a covenant between Mo. Karen and Grace Episcopal Church. Upon revision of this document, a copy will be attached to these minutes and also be made available to members of the parish.

The Bishop's Committee will be polled on the revisions so that the Senior Warden can sign the document.

Mo. Karen announced that effective immediately the Cathedral and the Diocese will have a 24 hour answering service. The telephone number is 336-3486. Mo. Karen could be reached here in an emergency.

Mo. Karen announced that she will be in Boston from Jan. 11 - Jan. 14 where she will attend a conference on Women in the Episcopate. All of her expenses will be paid by the diocese.

Jan. 14 she will attend a Dean's Conference in Sioux Falls. Feb. 2 - 4 she will attend a clergy conference at Blue Cloud Abbey. On Feb. 8 - Feb. 15 she will be on vacation when she and Fr. Steve will do a parish renewal week-end at Gloria Deo Episcopal Church in Cocoa Beach, Florida.

We shall have our annual parish meeting and potluck following services on Jan. 31. On Feb. 7 the Bishop will come for his annual visitation and will also bless the new portable altar.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Moose and DeLay are to go to Sioux Falls to meet with Bishop Anderson before the next Bishop's Committee meeting. They will discuss with him some of the immediate concerns of the Bishop's Committee, financial and otherwise.

Karen explained that she would like to do the Deacon's Distribution of Communion once a month at Grace. She pointed out that this was not a substitution for a full Eucharist service. All agreed that it was an educational process to enable the congregation to be comfortable with this service. Karen pointed out that she had no problem with any decision that the Bishop's Committee would make concerning this matter.

Motion by Johnson and second by Brewer to have the Deacon's Distribution of Communion once a month, and if a clergy person was unavailable for a Eucharist service that month, then the Distribution would occur twice. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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