

Grace Episcopal Church
1987 Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 31, 1988

After an 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion service, there followed a pancake breakfast and annual meeting.

Senior Warden Merrill Hunter called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Mo. Hall opened the session with prayers.

Everyone was given a booklet entitled "The Beginning of Grace Episcopal Church." The booklet was prepared by Warner Boyd, Hazel Moose and Mildred Rumrill in preparation for Grace's 1990 centennial. After comments by Rumrill, the three were given a resounding round of applause for all their hard work and diligence.

Motion by Richard Moose and second by Hal Rethorn to approve the minutes of the 1986 Annual Meeting as distributed. Motion carried.

Motion by Janice Johnson and second by Rex Page to approve the 1987 year-end financial statement and the proposed 1988 budget. Motion carried.

Motion by Page and second by Rethorn to accept the following reports: remarks by Sr. Warden Hunter, written report by Jr. Warden Richard Moose, comments by Janice Johnson on the Sunday School and ECW, and Mo. Hall's written Vicar's Report. Motion carried.

Motion by Rumrill and second by Fred Stewart that the parish pass by acclamation a statement that there be no annual meetings on Super Bowl Sundays. Motion carried

Motion by Jim Horn and second by Page to reelect the existing Bishop's Committee and add Fred Stewart as a member. Motion carried.

Motion by Bev Hunter and second by Richard Moose to nominate Kitty Brewer as delegate and Janice Johnson as alternate to the Eastern Deanery and the Diocesan Convention in Mitchell in Oct. Motion carried.

Under old business, Mo. Hall reported that so far she had received only four religious surveys back, even though she had sent them to all the clergy in Madison. The purpose of the survey was to evaluate the kind of ministry currently being conducted by the churches in Madison.

Under new business, there was much discussion on the options available and the expense involved with our roof situation.

The B.C. will arrange for Kever Roofing to check out the need to repair or replace it. The piano will be moved into the church proper by next Sunday so that we can have music while the organ is being repaired.

Mo. Hall reported that she had a meeting with the Historical Preservation Center concerning getting the churches in Madison, Flandreau and DeSmet on the Historical Register. She needs permission to proceed with the application, and if we were accepted, application for funds for restoration would be possible. Motion by Brewer and second by Richard Moose to proceed with the search. Motion carried.

Jim Pearson, our seminarian, was discussed, and it was hoped that Grace could be the site of his ordination to the diaconate after his spring graduation from seminary.

It was announced that Grace will host Madison's World Day of Prayer on March 4. Lunch will be served at 2:00 p.m.

Mo. Hall stated that one thing Grace does not do is reach out to intentionally provide funding/help for things outside the church. We must begin to consider, by the nature of the church, to look outside of ourselves. These things do not have to be measured in money but can be measured in time. We shall be talking more about serving the community and focusing on others this year.

There was a request in a recent B.C. meeting for more information and insight into evangelism, and Mo. Hall announced that there will be a spring workshop on this subject.

A proposed schematic for Lenten study will be published in the next Alpha and Omega.

Mo. Hall announced a Workshop on Prayer or Quiet Day to be held in Sioux Falls at Good Shepherd on March 19. The McLains from Vermillion will conduct the workshop, and it would be an excellent Lenten retreat for anyone.

The Eastern Deanery Annual Meeting will be held in Brookings on April 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The topic discussed will be "Ethical and Moral Decisions" and will be led by Mary Wagner of Brookings.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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