

Bishop's Committee
Wednesday, December 13, 1988

PRESENT: Brewer, DeLay, Hall, Hunter, Johnson, Fred Stewart, Ruby Stewart

ABSENT: Moose, Page, Rethorn

GUESTS: Terri Johnson, Jeff Yarbrough

Mo. Karen opened the meeting at 7:40 p.m. with prayers.

There were no formal minutes from November, as the Stewardship dinner was held on the regular Bishop's Committee meeting night on November 16.

Terri Johnson of Madison and Jeff Yarbrough of Sioux Falls, representing the Southeastern Mental Health Center, offered a contract concerning the use of the guild hall twice a week beginning in January. Mondays and Thursdays, from 1-4 p.m., the guild hall would serve as a "drop-in" center for SEMHC clients. The basic purpose of the center would be social--a place where the clients would feel comfortable. Yarbrough assured the group that in all his years of working with these clients, there have been very few instances of anything dangerous occurring.

Several questions revolved around the "Hold Harmless and Insurance" part of the contract. Although Yarbrough assured the group that all personal liability would be covered by SEMHC's insurance, it was determined that their insurance company and the diocesan insurance company should communicate on these matters.

Fred Stewart reported that two local contractors have looked at Grace Church and both felt that some immediate structural work is necessary. Mo. Hall reported that Randy Reinhartz of the diocesan office sent an architectural engineer to Grace in November to look over the building. He reported that it would cost \$1000 to get a detailed review of what needed to be done. Motion by DeLay and second by Fred Stewart to hire a structural engineer to draw up plans to fix the church, the funding to come out of Grace's diocesan rectory account. Motion carried.

After some discussion on the SEMHC proposal, motion by DeLay and second by Hunter to table the decision on the SEMHC contract until we get the report from the structural engineer.

The treasurer's report for November was presented. We shall also be requesting \$900 in interest money from our rectory account with the diocesan office. As was previously explained to the Committee, this interest money will no longer be available as an on-line budget item.

Motion by DeLay and second by Johnson to borrow \$500 from our savings account if the \$900 from the diocese is not received by the end of the year. The \$500 would be withdrawn at a time when it would not lose interest, and it would be reimbursed upon receipt of the \$900. Motion carried.

The treasurer reported that 12 pledges have been turned in for a total of \$5,740 for 1989.

Mo. Hall reported that she has browsed through the surveys which were given during the stewardship drive. Although she had not examined them in great detail, she felt they were essentially supportive of the ministry of the church. The across-the-board concern is the need to increase membership, so our concern is evangelism. She suggested that our next meeting should be devoted to developing a strategy for evangelism.

Motion by DeLay and second by Hunter to approve the 1989 budget and to incorporate Moose's \$700 expenses and offsetting \$700 contribution to publish the Alpha and the Omega into the 1989 budget. Motion carried.

The annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 15, unless that is Super Bowl Sunday.

A discussion on the cordless mics was tabled as Moose was not at the meeting.

Mo. Karen reported that the UTO grant which has partially funded her ministry will run out at the end of the year, but the diocese has agreed to take up the slack for six months. Another grant is currently in the works, but no word has been received as to its status.

Effective December 29, Mo. Hall reported that she will be moving to Madison. The next Alpha and Omega will publish her new address and phone number.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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