

Bishop's Committee
Monday, December 18, 1989

PRESENT: Brewer, Hunter, Lewis, Johnson, Moose, F. Stewart, R. Stewart

ABSENT: DeLay, Page, Rethorn

Fr. Lewis opened the meeting with prayers.

Motion by Hunter and second by Moose to accept the minutes of the Nov. 20 meeting as corrected. Motion carried. A correction was made to read as follows: "Bev Hunter offered to buy it and loan it to the church."

The treasurer submitted a financial statement for Nov., 1989. She also reported a balance of \$295.97 as of Dec. 18.

Fr. Lewis suggested that because Jan. 28 is the bishop's annual visitation, we should combine the annual meeting with the visitation and scratch the originally scheduled Jan. 21 annual meeting.

Fr. Lewis also plans to have confirmation on Jan. 28 and proposes a covenant with the confirmands to have one meeting before confirmation and 6-8 meetings, twice a month on Wed. nights, after confirmation.

At our Jan. meeting, Fr. Lewis wishes us to make plans for two or three Wed. Lenten study/soup/sandwich sessions with Flandreau, to be held in alternate locations. Two families would volunteer to make the soup--30-40 min. study session--15 min. Evening Prayer--maximum total of two hours.

The Bishop's Committee decided to have the senior warden contact the Sanfords and the Ericssons as possibilities for new members.

All annual meeting reports are to be given to Richard Moose by Jan. 15. He will put together a booklet to be distributed at the Jan. 28 annual meeting.

A discussion on stewardship was held. Fr. Lewis stated that his theological position as a priest is that what you give to the church is between you and God. In lieu of a formal stewardship drive, he suggested using a letter format which has a pledge card but requires no signature. The letter will state that the church is a human organization and needs some guidelines to plan a budget. A second letter will follow immediately requesting each member to state if he desires offering envelopes. Fr. Lewis will write the letter immediately and will talk about stewardship on Jan. 7. He will also give the treasurer a form to use for 6 month statements.

Fr. Lewis stated that he is working on the bids for insurance. The Bishop's Challenge for a diocesan pledge will be determined at the annual meeting.

Fr. Lewis closed the meeting with prayers at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Katherine Brewer