

**GRACE CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 16, 2000**

Members present: Fr. Bob and Bertha Bernhard, Allan Fisher, Dave Sanford, Dale Kringen, Bob Haggard
Senior Warden: Kitty Kringen
Junior Warden: Janice Johnson
Treasurer: Eve Fisher
Clerk: Jan Sanford

The meeting was called to order by Fr. Bob Bernhard. Opening Prayer offered. Jan Sanford appointed as Clerk for this annual meeting. Minutes from last meeting unavailable. Treasurer's report distributed. Motion made by Dale Kringen and Seconded by Janice Johnson to approve the treasurer's report.

Junior Warden Report: Janice Johnson spearheaded the shingling of the church roof last summer. She arranged the roofers, made trips to Sioux Falls, and fed the roofing crew. For this and keeping the church clean, she will keep the shingles. Camp Lakodia took some of the left over lumber. They still owe us \$135. The remainder of the lumber is being stored in a dry shed.

Janice is willing to organize refinishing of the parish hall floor next summer. Plan is to see what's under the old carpet and decide if that can be refinished as well.

Senior Warden Report: Kitty read a letter she had written to Randy Barnhart outlining agreements made to bring Fr. Bob and Bertha to Grace Church. Comments about a smooth transition for us and for the Bernhards. Fr. Bob works 10 hours per week according to his contract. We should be telling him when we have some one he should call on.

Kitty suggested that we do some advertising. She has already called the newspaper to include Grace Church address. We will consider doing more advertising on Friday's TV guide page. Kitty also hopes that we can begin some activities to build our relationship with St. Peters Lutheran.

Discussion: Dale Kringen would like us to consider holding services at Bethel Home because he sees at least three families bring families back to the home from church services. Fr. Bernhard would like us to give that some thought through the week. He has some concerns about changing times and locations of church services.

Election of Officers: Dale Kringen made the motion to accept the slate of officers for the coming year. Dave Sanford seconded the motion. Motion carried to elect Kitty Kringen-Sr. Warden, Janice Johnson, -Jr. Warden, Eve Fisher-Treasurer, and Jan Sanford-Clerk.

Report of the Vicar: Fr. Bob thanked all of us for a festive Installation. He commented on how everything gets done without benefit of committees. He invited anyone that would like to lay read or do alter work to see him. He hopes that he can do some alter training for us.

The latest statistics reveal that only 20% of our population go to church on Sundays. He is working with the Ministerial Association to promote February 27th as the day to get more people to go to the church of their choice.

He would like some discussion about Lenten activities. Suggestions were home blessings during the Lenten season.

Other Business: We need to have a continuing dialogue about increasing our numbers at church. Not just because the church needs new members, but because people need the church.

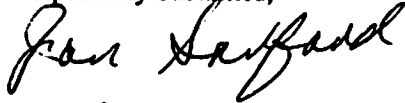
Dave Sanford would like us to consider giving more to TEC. He is committed on the state level to promoting TEC. He reports that Holly Huiskens has a needs list. We do not necessarily need to give money.

Kitty reported that there is a Deanery Meeting coming up Feb. 12th. She is our delegate to the convention.

Meeting Adjourned

Closed with Benediction

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jan Sanford".

Jan Sanford, Clerk