

ANNUAL MEETING, GRACE CHURCH, MADISON, SOUTH DAKOTA

January 29, 2006

IN ATTENDANCE: Kitty K.; Janice J.; Earl & Bonnie M.; David & Jan S.; Michael S., Michele K.; Jim & Jan B.; Tim & Ben D.

ABSENT: Mo. Ellen L.; Bev H.; Rex & Marilyn P.

Meeting was brought to order by Kitty, Senior Warden. Church positions were discussed and it was determined that the following positions were needing to be filled:

- Senior Warden
- Junior Warden
- Treasurer
- Clerk/Secretary
- Delegate to convention

Jan B. volunteered to do clerical/secretarial duties. Kitty volunteered to remain in her station as Senior Warden. Janice J. was nominated for Junior Warden and accepted the position. Tim D. accepted the position of assistant treasurer; he will collect and make all deposits for the church. Kitty will continue to pay church bills. Jan S. volunteered to be a delegate to the convention.

Kitty gave the parochial report. She counts 25 communicants in good standing in 2005. The average attendance for weekly services was 12.42.

Kitty gave the financial report. Our revenues (pledges, weekly contributions) were \$18,846.72; it was noted that Bev H. gave a substantial sum to the church on two occasions in 2005, as she had skipped her gift in 2003. Our UTO pledges/food pantry contributions amounted to \$406.52. We contributed \$1300.00 to the diocese. Operating expenses were totaled at \$7114.63. The roofing and basement repairs were reported at \$5101.00. Kitty reported that our end of year 2006 balance is \$10,008.35. Kitty will check with the bank to find our tax ID # so that the appropriate end-of-year forms can be filed.

Michael S. was recognized for his development and maintenance of our website, www.madison-episcopal.org.

Discussion was held regarding convention. As we have 25 church members, we may be able to send a second delegate. The diocese will send further information on this issue. Jan S., as mentioned previously, volunteered to be one of our delegates; the other will be determined after receiving the diocesan information.

Jan S., our religion educator and music coordinator, was recognized for initiating Sunday school; she presently has two students. They meet at 8:30 Sunday mornings before our

scheduled service.

Layreaders were discussed. Our layreaders are currently Rex P., Kitty K., Tim D., Michael S. and Dave S. Janice J. and Jan B. are interested in pursuing this, also. Dave S. will be instructing these classes. A schedule will be discussed in the future.

The Lenten schedule was discussed. We again agreed to have our Wednesday night Lenten suppers at each other's homes. A schedule was agreed upon, and Jan B. will get this put together and send each member an agenda. Jan S. will once again investigate topics of worship and discussion for our meetings, and we will discuss these during our fellowship hour after an upcoming service.

Discussion was held regarding how best to advertise our church; how to make it known that we are a presence in Madison. Janice J. pointed out that our church is not on the current KJAM church announcements. Michele K. suggested an outside service when the weather permits. Janice J. mentioned the sleigh rides her grown children took when they were young at the church, and what great memories they have of the events such as that. It was decided that perhaps our little church will need a P.R. person, and Michele K. accepted that assignment. She will talk to KJAM regarding not only the church announcements but also an advertisement of some sort. We are also hoping that the Madison Daily Leader will do an article on Mo. Ellen's arrival, perhaps with a picture of her in front of our stenciled wall.

Spring landscaping was touched upon only slightly. We have the dirt in place, and decisions need to be made about what and when we are going to begin planting.

Bonnie and Earl accepted the alter guild duties for the church for the next year. They will oversee taking care of the linens; checking the status of the candles; keeping the brass polished, etc.

Ben D. will continue to mow the lawn; thank you, Ben.

Brief discussion was held regarding re-opening the church and what would need to be done to get the church in order for Palm Sunday. The insulation will have to be taken down and put away; dusting and vacuuming will need to be done; hopefully we will have sufficient time to shampoo the carpets, also. A day and time will be determined as the date approaches.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned and a wonderful potluck lunch and wonderful fellowship was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet B.
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[Modified by Michael S. for web publication]