

ANNUAL MEETING, GRACE CHURCH, MADISON, SOUTH DAKOTA 57042
January 21, 2007

IN ATTENDANCE: Kitty & Dale Kringen; Janice Johnson; Earl & Bonnie M.; David & Jan Sanford; Michael Sanford; Michele Keppen and Chandler; Jim & Jan Bauman; Tim & Lynn Devlin; Mo. Ellen Lang.

Meeting was brought to order by Kitty, Senior Warden. Church positions were discussed; all persons holding positions in 2005 volunteered to continue for 2006. Positions, therefore, are as follows:

Senior Warden: Kitty Kringen
Junior Warden: Janice Johnson
Secretary: Jan Bauman
Asst. Treasurer: Tim Devlin
Marketing Mgr.: Michelle Keppen

Kitty presented parochial report. She counts 25 communicants in good standing for 2006, which includes three members under the age of 16. The average attendance for 2006 was 13.5.

Financial report was given by Kitty. Our revenues were \$12,469.05. We contributed \$1400.00, or 14.2%, to the diocese; the diocese requests 16%. Operating expenses for 2006 were \$8408.73. It was noted by Kitty that our UTO offering was extremely low in 2006, down to a total of \$78.00. General discussion was held regarding the necessity of renewing our commitment to the UTO offering. Discussion was also held regarding pledge cards, which we had tried before and they did not work well; it was decided that the cards would be an unnecessary expense. End-of-year balances were as follows: \$5960.50 in a 5.5% 12-month CD; \$12,025.44 in the church checking account. It was felt that this was too high a balance to maintain in the checking account, and Kitty will check on 3- and 6-month CD rates and present her findings to the church. Move to accept the financial report was given by Jan B., seconded by Michelle K., and accepted unanimously.

In keeping with church finances, it was pointed out that camp sponsorships, ad expenses, etc., go through the church; i.e., the sponsorship funds should be given to the church and the church should then write a check for the sponsorship, with a receipt given to the person donating the sponsorship. Also, receipts should be presented to the church for expenses incurred by members who would be given a receipt for tax purposes.

Michael S. was recognized and thanked for his continued maintenance of the church web site, www.madison-episcopal.org.

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Marilynn Page is acknowledged and thanked for her volunteerism in maintaining the kitchen supplies.

Michelle K. is interested in ideas for marketing the church. She has done an excellent job the past year in developing ads for the church, at her own expense, and was acknowledged for this. She has several ideas in the works, including a possible web site for listing strengths/weaknesses/suggestions. Mother Ellen brought up her opinion that evangelism happens more on a one-on-one basis, and that we should try to be cognizant of the opportunity to share our faith whenever possible.

The possibility of a church archivist was presented. We are extremely proud of the past efforts of the women of the church to maintain our scrap books; however, it has been several years since this was done. Jan B. volunteered to attempt this project; she requested that anyone in the congregation who reads Madison and surrounding area papers please bring any and all clippings every Sunday, and they will be sorted through and another scrap book begun. A basket will be placed on a table in the fellowship hall for this purpose.

Lenten suppers were discussed. Jan B. will post a sign-up schedule so that can be organized. Mother Ellen suggested that we connect the Lenten suppers to the UTO offering, perhaps taking a special offering during our evening prayer service and designating that for UTO. All felt this was a wonderful suggestion. Jan S. will investigate various Lenten instructions and present them to us for choice.

Jan S. is unable to teach Sunday School and was asking for suggestions that would allow us to continue. Mother Ellen suggested that perhaps we could do an adult education program at the same time; that we have a designated "coffee time", and then have the education programs, with instructors for Sunday School being on a rotation basis. Another suggestion was to have the children dismiss from the church at a specific time for their instruction. These and other suggestions will be discussed further at future coffee hours.

We want to thank Dave Sanford for his wonderful pictures of the church. The picture he took for our Christmas bulletin is stunning, and we all appreciate the effort he went through to get the perfect setting for this picture. We also want to thank Dave and Jan for the weekly bulletins that they have taken on as part of their ministry to the church; they are wonderful to have, and make it much easier to follow the service. Thank you, too, to Michael for inclusion of these two beautiful church pictures on the website.

It was quickly mentioned that we will absolutely need to do some landscaping this Spring. It was also noted that some of our stained glass windows are in

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jeopardy and will probably require a professional opinion regarding the repair of the frames and how to best repair rock that has become loose and shifted. These problems will be addressed at a date closer to Spring.

With that, a motion to adjourn was presented by Jan B., seconded by Michelle K., and the meeting was unanimously adjourned. A potluck buffet was then enjoyed by all present.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Bauman
Clerk/Secretary
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