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In attendance: Steve Altman, Fr. Kresowaty, Carolyn Dobbs, Judy Marsee, Kathy Jones, Tim Cox, Nasser Gittiban, John Banks, Chris Troutt, Kristin Hadawi, John Doshier, Nick Garefalos, Jim Rhea

Absent: Diane Hartley

Guests: Wendell Rosales, Sean Sparkman

Fr. Kresowaty called meeting to order with prayer at 7:05

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for December were submitted and approved via e-mail.

Rector's Report

During the past month, three funerals have been celebrated as well as Christmas, the Holiday season, and Epiphany, one baptism, and the Institution of Fr. Kresowaty. Also, attendance is up, pledging is up, and giving is up. We are indeed blessed by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. To him, let us give thanks!

While the Vestry considers the 2006 budget, it does not set the agenda of the Parish. Discipleship, Stewardship, and Faithfulness drive the agenda of the Parish.

The Annual Parish Meeting is called in accordance with the Canons of the Episcopal Church. The two main areas to be covered are Budget and Elections. The Annual Meeting is not an information time, but rather a time to be thankful. St. Alban's has been through a number of crises over the past two years – some small, some large. But it has been you in Christ that have held the parish together, it has been you in Christ that have continued to provide the ministry, the help, and the leadership that has been given St. Alban's and made it a place in Christ to be proud of (you = people and leaders of St. Alban's). This needs to be celebrated and acknowledged at our Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting is in recognition of thanks to the People and Ministries St. Alban's has provided faithfully.

Fr. Kresowaty wants to thank the Vestry and Parish for a wonderful Institution on January 14. It was a beautiful, worshipful, and a great celebration.

Newcomers – Diane Hartley and Kristin Hadawi

The Newcomer Ministry is a combination of the Newcomers Ministry and the Greeters ministry. The purpose is to inform all visitors about St. Alban's and the Episcopal Church and to include them in the parish family.

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Events – Fr. Kresowaty

January 29 – Annual Parish Meeting
February 1 (Candlemas Eve) – Family Night, Discovering Jesus Study
February 4 – Altar Guild Luncheon
February 5 – Souper Bowl collection
February 7 – School Eucharist
February 16 – Family Night, Discovering Jesus Study
February 18 – Diocesan Treasurer Workshop
February 26 – Food for the Poor guest preacher (World Mission Sunday)
March 1 – Ash Wednesday
“Come Thirsty” on Wednesdays in Lent
Parish Campout is planned for March 31 – April 2

Worship Committee – Tim Cox

- Plans for Advent and Christmas were well received

Christian Education – Diane Hartley and Kristin Hadawi

- Choirs have been asked to avoid using the 9:15 – 10:15 CE hour for rehearsals.
- Praise Time continues at 9:00 on Sunday mornings in the Parish Hall for children and youth
- Programs for use for our VBS are being previewed

Youth Ministry – Diane Hartley and Kathy Jones

- Parents of Teenagers meet the second Sunday of each month during Christian Education and discuss relevant topics
- Youth Fellowship and Praise Time is held Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 9:15 outside the Parish Hall
- The next Happening retreat for students in the 10th – 12th grade is being held February 24 – 26
- JEYPS Gatherings (7th – 8th grade students) are held Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 8:30 and include dinner
- Youth Bible Fellowship is held Sunday mornings from 9:15 – 10:15
- Sr. EYC Gatherings (9th – 12th grade students) are held Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 8:30 and include dinner

Pastoral Care – Diane Hartley and Kristin Hadawi

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Outreach and Mission – Diane Hartley and Kristin Hadawi

No Report

School Committee Report – Jim Rhea

- Jim reported on fundraising and marketing at St. Alban's Episcopal School
- The 23 student Senior Class have raised \$158,000 in scholarship money

Treasurer's Report – John Banks/Nick Garefalos

- Pledge and Plate receipts for December totaled \$67,591.86 which is \$33.13 more than the budgeted amount of \$67,625.00.
- St. Alban's operating income for December 2005 is \$52,713 which is \$17,778 over the budgeted amount of \$48,778. The year to date total is \$602,639 which is (\$56,507) under the budgeted amount of \$650,091.

Stewardship Committee – Kathy Jones and Kristin Hadawi

The statistics for the 13th week (1/9 – 1/13/06) of the Pledge Campaign for 2006 include:

- Number of pledges received – 209
- Total amount of pledges received - \$500,374.00
- Average Pledge - \$2,394.13
- 21 of the 209 pledges received for 2006 are new pledges (did not pledge in 2005).

Junior Warden's Report

- The heat exchanger has been replaced in the library.

Communications Committee – Carolyn Dobbs and John Doshier

No report

Chancellor's Report – Chris Troutt

- Still working on the tax exemption issue

Development Committee Report – Judy Marsee, Nasser Gittiban, and John Banks

- The Development Committee is pursuing the sale of the 4th Street property
- \$35,665 has been received for Phase I of the Marsee Memorial Garden which is close to the goal of \$42,400

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Nominations & Personnel – Diane Hartley and Carolyn Dobbs

The complete list of candidates for Vestry and for Diocesan Delegates has been compiled. Their biographies and pictures will be in the January Legate and in each Sunday bulletin.

Vestry Candidates:

- Bill Davies
- Darrell Glidewell
- Harry Ekholm
- Susan Hekman
- Ron Horton
- Tom Lawley
- Peggy Pate
- Priscilla Promise
- Jim Sutton

Diocesan Delegates:

- Keith Allen
- Rilla Altman
- Monica Brown
- Ben Doerge
- Suzanne Franke
- Jack Kenny
- Joe Lundy
- Betty Meek
- Paul Nelson
- Randy Sparks
- Esther Stolley
- Don Wheaton
- Sue Yarger

Secretaries Report – Fr. Matkin

- Average Sunday attendance for December: 452
- Transfers in: 0
- Baptisms: 1
- Marriages: 1
- Transfers out: 5
- Births: 0
- Deaths: 0

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Old Business

Resolution naming Parish Hall – Tabled

Jim Rhea moved that the Vestry not move forward with renaming the Parish Hall. Chris Troutt seconded. All approved.

Budget for 2006 – initial draft

- The vestry reviewed the second draft of the 2006 budget.

Tim Cox moved to accept the 2006 budget with amendments. John Banks seconded. All approved.

Treasurer for 2006

Wendell Rosales was introduced as a candidate for Vestry Treasurer.

Canterbury House

Steve Altman presented an update on the progress of the planned "no-cost" lease of Canterbury House.

Preparation for Annual Meeting

New Business

- Capital Campaign – the Vestry discussed the idea of a Capital Campaign
- Update on the Property on 4th Street (see Development Committee report)
- Other

Fr. Kresowaty closed with prayer at 10:00

Respectfully submitted by,

Marguerite (Lisa) M. Glasgow
Vestry Clerk