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In attendance: Fr. Kresowaty, Carolyn Dobbs, Tim Cox, John Banks, Chris Troutt, Jim Rhea, Jim Sutton, Steve Altman, Susan Hekman, and Diane Hartley.

Absent: Kathy Jones, Peggy Pate, Darrell Glidewell and Wendell Rosales.

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

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February and March vestry meetings were approved via email.

Rector's Report

- In general, the Lenten Program was well accepted and a desire to have more and in depth study as groups was expressed in the reviews of the program.
- The Seder Dinner was filled and exciting. Maundy Thursday Eucharist did not have the expected attendance.
- Good Friday was well attended at noon at Stations of the Cross however the Good Friday Liturgy attendance was below expectation.
- Service times for evening services during Holy Week will be evaluated.
- Hiring of musicians for Easter services was held until the last minute due to funding and should be included in the budget next year for Christmas and Easter services.
- The Easter Vigil and Easter day were wonderful celebrations of our Lord's Resurrection and attendance was up at each of the Easter Day Celebrations.
- Vestry needs to stay active during summer, especially as relates to potential capital fund. To that end, the rector is appointing an executive committee of our Senior Warden, Steve Altman, Jody Gittiban and John Banks to gather other volunteers and move forward.
- Communications committee to meet about care groups so that people can keep in touch with one another and share information.
- Melisa Matkin will be taking over The Legate for Alan Justice who is leaving the parish.
- The positions vacated by Darlene Justice are in the Order of St. Luke that will choose a leader at their meeting on the 29th.

Newcomers – Diane Hartley and Peggy Pate

- The Newcomers Ministry welcomed 4 visitors in April. Two are coming regularly and one has transferred her membership to St. Alban's from St. James in Texarkana.
- Two other visitors have recently joined the church as transfers.
- We plan to take 6 visitors to lunch on May 7 for our St. Alban's Lunch Bunch.
- Father Matkin has almost finished our new color brochure.
- The Newcomer Committee has always functioned all during the summer so continuing those activities will be no change.

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Events – Fr. Matkin

Events coming up:

May

3 – Family Night
6 – ACA Chess Tournament
7 - Youth Sunday, SAES Baccalaureate
14 – Mother's Day
16 – Women of St. Alban's
17 – Family Night
24 – Eve of Ascension Day, Mass at 7:30 p.m.
27 – Graduation at SAES at 2:00 p.m.
28 – Ascension Sunday balloon release

June

4 – Pentecost in the Park
7 – Family Night
5-10 – St. Michael's Conference
12-16 - Vacation Bible School
21 – Eve of St. Alban's Day – Mass at 7: 30 p.m.

Worship Committee – Tim Cox and Peggy Pate

- Several groups trying to get new members to expand membership
- Things are running smoothly for Sunday services, but some additional training may be needed; Holy Week and Easter went fairly smoothly.

Christian Education – Diane Hartley and Kathy Jones

- Christian Education classes continue through May 21st.
- The Adult classes: Living the Good News! and Growing in Transformation continue throughout the summer.
- Sunday School Volunteers will be thanked among the congregation on May 7th, during Youth Sunday.
- Vacation Bible School is June 12th - 16th - Volunteers are still needed; Pre-registration began 2 weeks ago and continues.
- Sunday School Teacher recruitment continues. We will need 20 teachers to have teams of 4 for each class PreK-12th grades.
- The Committee for Ministry to Children and Youth and Parish Families and presented recommendations for activities throughout the summer.
- Women's Bible Study will meet throughout the summer this year.

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Youth Ministry – Diane Hartley and Peggy Pate

- During Lent, the youth participated in Plunge bible study, which covered the same material as Come Thirsty. The students who attended responded well to the material.
- During Holy Week was the first annual Youth Seder Dinner with approximately 10 to 12 youth in attendance. After dinner, they went to the sanctuary to do the Stations of the Cross.
- The night before Easter, a few families, including their children, made and served dinner to the residents of the Arlington Life Shelter.
- On Easter Sunday, there was an Easter Egg Hunt. Twenty to thirty youth and children, and their parents participated.
- Harriet's Easter Hunt was well received when performed the Sunday after Easter.
- On April 22, many parishioners and school families attended a Rangers game at St. Alban's Night at the Ballpark.
- On April 23, we went to the Diocesan Bowling event.
- Youth Sunday is May 7; hopefully many of the seniors from SAES and their families will attend. There are many graduating seniors this year from St. Alban's Episcopal School and St. Alban's Episcopal Church.
- The Pentecost Fair on June 4 at River Legacy Park from 9:30 to 2:00.
- JEYPS and Sr. EYC (7th - 12th Grade) will continue to meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30.
- Sixth through Twelfth Grade Youth are going to play Paintball on May 21 at DFW Adventure Park.
- During Vacation Bible School (June 12-16 from 9:30 to 12:30), we are trying to involve youth to assist by being crew leaders.
- Planning for youth events during the summer and the next school year as well as recruiting volunteers for youth ministry.
- During the summer, several children are attending Camp Crucis.
- On Tuesday, April 25, the Youth Lay Committee met and discussed family activities for the summer.

Pastoral Care – Diane Hartley and Peggy Pate

- Pastoral Care - the committee is working on changes to the St. Alban's brochure. Will be completed soon.

Outreach and Mission – Diane Hartley

- Outreach & Mission - corrections have been made for the soon to be reprinted St. Alban's Outreach Program leaflet.

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School Committee Report – Jim Rhea

- School Board is offering discounts for referrals and for members of other Episcopal churches.
- A committee is studying available classroom space to maintain optimum teacher / student ratio.
- Four parishioners and one from another Episcopal church have expiring terms on School Board. The Trustee Committee is actively recruiting new School Board candidates.

Treasurer's Report – John Banks/Wendell Rosales

- No report

Stewardship Committee – Susan Hekman

The stewardship committee met on Wednesday April 5 at 7:00pm. The following topics were discussed:

- Pledges: 224 pledges have been received for a total of \$518, 306. The average pledge was \$2,313. 29 new pledges were received. Over 50% of households pledged.
- Surplus for March was \$5,393.68.
- Credit card giving has increased.
- A list of some of those who have pledged will be published in the Legate (if they wish to have their name included).
- It was suggested that next fall's theme revolve around the harvest.
- Committee involvement on Rally Day (August 20) was discussed.

Junior Warden's Report

- An air conditioning compressor for the sanctuary will be replaced Friday, April 28, under warranty. This is the same one that we put in new last summer.
- Getting quotes to treat the termites in the parish hall and sacristy. We will potentially treat the entire facility.
- Repairs have been done to the roof after heavy rains.
- Maintenance contracts on air conditioning, pest control, lawn maintenance and building maintenance are being evaluated.

Communications Committee – Carolyn Dobbs and Susan Hekman

- The Communications Committee will meet in May.

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Chancellor's Report – Chris Troutt

- Property tax issue has been resolved. The church had to pay \$6,761.94 in property taxes for 2003 on four of the five parcels we bought from UTA in May, 2003. The deadline for filing the application for exemption for the tax year 2003 was missed, so the exemption was denied. We appealed the denial of the exemption, but the Appraisal Review Board denied our appeal. Exemptions were granted for 2004 forward, so no property taxes will be owed for those years, so long as our use of the property meets the requirements of the exemption. An additional \$146.24 will be paid at the end of April to cover charges for penalties and interest on one lot. No penalties or interest was charged on the other parcels for which the tax exemption was denied for tax year 2003.

Development Committee Report – John Banks and Darrell Glidewell

The development committee met on Thursday, April 6. The following topics were discussed:

- Historical Reference Points:
- Father Kresowaty to review master plan model
- Develop 5yr and 15 yr plan based on empirical data and projections.
- Darrell Glidewell met separately with former vestry development committee head John Promise on Monday, April 10.
- Obtain and review the “Holliman” study.
- Re-poll the parish on their needs and desires

Nominations & Personnel – Diane Hartley and Carolyn Dobbs

- The committee is currently focused on selecting candidates for School Board.
- Developing timeline for vestry candidate selection.

Secretaries Report – Fr. Matkin

- Average Sunday attendance for March 2006: 298
- Transfers in: 3
- Baptisms: 4
- Marriages: 0
- Transfers out: 8
- Births: 0
- Deaths: 0

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Old Business

Capital Funds Drive

- John Banks will arrange meetings with RSI and Holliman to make a presentation to the vestry about organizing a Capital Funds Drive.

Update/Proposal on 4th Street Property

- The church has been contacted by a citizen who would like to buy the old Canterbury House and one of our lots on 4th Street.
- The Fourth Street School property has been purchased by an investment company from Chicago and the new owners are interested in purchasing Northbridge from the church, but only if they could occupy the ground floor of the structure built there. While we have no plans to sell, they may continue to make offers.
- Jim Rhea made a motion to authorize the senior warden to put the three non-contiguous lots on Fourth Street on the market for sale as soon as we receive a release of lien from our lender and to engage a listing agent at his discretion. Chris Troutt seconded. All approved.

Pictorial Directory and Computer Program

- Make-up pictures and group pictures are still being taken.
- The Vestry still needs to have a picture taken for the new Pictorial Directory.

Chess Tournament

St. Alban's will host the Arlington Classics Academy (ACA) chess tournament on Saturday, May 6, 2006. A few volunteers are still needed.

Refinance

The diocese approved our request to refinance the church mortgage, obtain a \$75,000 2nd lien for a maintenance reserve, and sell three non-contiguous lots on 4th Street. The refinance will be through State Bank at an 8% interest rate with a 15-year term. This will reduce our monthly payments by about \$1,800. The second lien, if needed, will be for contingencies. All papers are in work with State National Bank.

New Business

Executive Committee for Capital Campaign

See Rector's Report above.

Other

Steve Altman attended an AWARE event (Arlington Will Recognize and Reward Education) that recognized parishioner Esther Stolley for her contributions to education in the AISD.

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Union Gospel Mission

Diane Hartley and Kathy Jones are researching the potential of donating part of the funds in the Fr. Woods endowment.

Fr. Kresowaty closed with prayer at 9:50.

Respectfully submitted by,

Carolyn Dobbs for
Marguerite (Lisa) M. Glasgow
Vestry Clerk