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In attendance: Fr. Kresowaty, Sara Beall, Rick Coombs, Jody Gittiban, Ty Head, Sue Hogg, Doug Hosea, Jim Ray, Richard Stolley, Jim Swann, Stephen Vinson

Absent: Sheryl Fritz, Bob Yarger

Also attending: Bill Richardson-Treasurer, Susan Kennemer-Clerk

Fr. Kresowaty called the meeting to order with prayer at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the April Vestry meeting were approved via email.

Rector's Report

- We have a number of people who are recuperating from surgery. Ralph Widman has a blood clot behind his knee and was operated on today. Martha White was operated on yesterday for a wire from her pacemaker that had poked through a wall in her heart. Jane Blackburn was operated on for a kidney stone and has run into some complications. Canon Heidt had a stroke recently and is on his way to recovery. Please keep these people in your prayers.
- I thank everyone for their wonderful gift to Fr. and Melisa Matkin. I know the final gift was over \$2500.00. I also want to thank our parishioners who generously underwrote the reception for Fr. Matkin. It indeed shows the love and support he had here at St. Alban's. We will miss him.
- Randy Spark's mother, Polly died last week and her burial was on Thursday. We had just received her transfer in.
- I helped Dan last week to also paint Fr. Duncan's new office and he is moving in.
- We have the wedding this Saturday of Emily Wilson and Patrick Burns. We have the funeral of Don Olsen next Saturday and the wedding of Jana Shephard and Jon Stutler on the 6th of June.

I have the management letter from Pickens Snodgrass Koch our auditors. They have finished their audit of our books and this is the letter that states we have complied with all the requirements on our part. The auditors noted that the St. Alban's Bookstore had a net loss for 2008. I am asking the finance committee to review this. The formal presentation of the audit for the Vestry will be next month.

A motion was made by Jim Ray, seconded by Ty Head, to authorize the Senior Warden to sign the letter to the auditor indicating completion of the requirements for the financial audit. The motion passed unanimously.

- Grace Methodist has requested to use about six of our classrooms and the Parish Hall the last week of June. They also have requested the use of the Church building on the Friday of that week. It will be from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. each night. They are asking how much we will charge them for the use of our buildings.

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A motion was made by Ty Head, seconded by Richard Stolley, to charge Grace Church \$300 to use the six classrooms, parish hall and church for the last week of June. The motion passes unanimously.

They have also requested a program which includes distributing health info, a weight loss challenge, training for others to be Wellness Coaches, an Annual Health Fair and sales for those who desire it of HerbLife. I have asked Pat to find out if HerbLife is sponsored by a non-profit organization.

- We have several requests for money that need to be addressed by the Vestry. The first is the New Province of the Anglican Church in North America known as ACNA. They are asking for a Thank Offering for \$1000.00 from each of the congregations that would be used to fund the work for the new province for the first six months. From that point giving from the diocese would take over the funding.

A motion was made by Doug Hosea, seconded by Ty Head, to make a \$1000 donation to the Anglican Church in North America. The motion passed unanimously.

- The second request is from our visit from Fr. Chapman who recently visited us and is a missionary to Peru. This would go through SAMS---South American Missionary Society. Fr. Chapman must raise a certain amount of support in order to be able to do his ministry in Peru under the direction of Bishop Godfrey. This can be paid monthly, quarterly or yearly and goes directly to fund Fr. Chapman ministry.

No formal motion was made on this request, but individual donations from the Vestry will be accepted, to be received by June 15. Checks made payable to SAMS or St. Alban's, designated for this purpose should be turned in to the church office.

- On Pentecost we have our own Bishop's request for a Pentecost Offering which goes for the Endowment of the Episcopacy. This endowment fund will eventually become large enough to pay for the expenses of the Bishop and would help lower our assessment. I will be holding these off until Trinity Sunday since we will be a divided congregation on Pentecost with some going to the service at River Legacy Park.
- Unknown to me or you we do have outreach going on which is fantastic. An urgent need was shown to replace liturgical and kitchen items taken from the parish of St. Simon of Cyrene in East Fort Worth. We gave them some of the linens that were wearing out but could still be used. But some members of our parish and a few from St. Peter and Paul gave a bunch of items on the birthday of Fr. Jonathan for their parish kitchen. He has written a thank you for the gifts to us and I highly praise those who have done this great act of love.
- Dr. Nell Noonan who directs our Wednesday morning and evening Bible Studies believes she is being called to a new ministry of caring for people. Her book has taken off and she is being scheduled for a number of classes and book signings. As such, next Wednesday will be her last day to direct these two bible study groups. We will miss her ministry and the groups are praying for new leadership to arise. Please keep these two groups in your prayers.
- We do have a Change Order for our Contract with Ross King for \$11,769.00 for the Swell Trumpet 8".

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A motion was made by Doug Hosea, seconded by Richard Stolley, to authorize the Senior Warden to sign the change order for Ross King for the Swell Trumpet 8". The motion passed unanimously.

We are about \$40,000.00 away from all the changes to expand our Organ that Charlene has worked so hard on. They are planning to begin in June or July on this work. With the new Organ Case the riser will need to be torn apart and new risers built. There is no room just to move them. The seating then needs to be addressed for the choir as well as kneelers. A plan was to have been drawn up about this but the status of that plan is unknown now. I have requested the Junior Warden take on this or find someone who can tell us what needs to be done and by whom and what is going to be needed to make this ministry continue to flourish. By the way we will have the Houston Boychoir singing for us on the 7th of June, which is Trinity Sunday. A lunch will be served for them following the 10:30 Eucharist in the Parish Hall.

- Vacation Bible School is coming upon us very quickly, June 15-19. If you can volunteer, bring your children, grandchildren or friends children they are welcome and needed. Also there are lists of items needed if you can help in any way, please volunteer. During the Summer Christian Education will offer *In the Steps of the Apostles* for the adult bible study on Sundays and then Fr. Duncan is doing a book study for the Caritas group.
- Last month I donated a space in the columbarium for Edna Johnson who died at the age of 101. An urn and spot was given so that she could be buried here.

Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee – Bill Richardson; Bob Yarger, Sara Beall

The report was short and incomplete because of a delay in getting information from the church office. The detailed report will be available next week. Highlights Bill mentioned were:

- Spending is favorable and below budget, due to close controls and March prepayment of building insurance.
- Income will be about \$13,000 favorable to the budget due to strong pledge and plate receipts, especially at Easter.
- Finances are improving a great deal and the anticipated \$170,000 budget deficit for this year now is projected to be \$100,000 or even less.

Bill then gave detailed reports of conversations with Compass Bank and Frost Bank on refinancing the church loans. Further clarification on certain points will be requested.

Newcomer's Report: Rick Coombs, Jim Swann, Jim Ray

No report

Events

Bold type indicates parish-wide event

May 2009

- 2 Diocesan Convocation at St. Vincent's, Bedford; no Saturday Mass at St. Alban's
- 2 Boy Scouts' Court of Honor
- 3 Sale of African items; guest preacher
- 13 Legate due
- 17 **Youth Sunday/Last Sunday School**

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- 21 **Feast of the Ascension, Mass 6:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.**
23 Wilson/Burns Wedding
25 Memorial Day, church office closed
30 Requiem for Don Olsen 2 p.m.

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- 7 Houston Boychoir to sing at the morning services
7-13 St. Michael's Youth Conference, Southwest, at Camp Crucis, Granbury
13 Legate due
15-19 Vacation Bible School
21 **St. Alban's Day celebrations** – luncheon after the 10:30 service
22 Feast of St. Alban the Martyr
22-25 Provincial Assembly of the Anglican Church of North America at St. Vincent's, Bedford

July 2009

- 4 Independence Day, church office closed
14 CCU Meeting, St. Vincent's, Bedford

Worship Committee – Jim Ray, Steve Vinson, Richard Stolley

Music: Chamber and Youth Choirs

Thomas Rinn wishes to remind everyone that the new parts of the organ are coming in June, resulting in the removal of the current seating and risers. Earlier it had been mentioned that the Church was considering purchasing matching chairs from the vendor of the new pews. So far, he has not heard anything about it.

Ushers/Oblationers:

John Berry has recruited four new members to the Usher program, and things are going well.

Altar Guild:

Repairs were completed on some equipment (candle lighter and aspersorium), and all else is going well.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers:

No issues to report. The Acolyte Master is now scheduling for a Crucifer, therefore assuring we will have two crosses at the 10:30 service.

Christian Education – Sara Beall, Sue Hogg, Jim Ray

- Christian Ed Volunteers for Vacation Bible School 2008, Sunday School, Children's Liturgy and upcoming VBS 2009 were recognized on May 17th, our last class day.
- Two adult CE classes will be offered beginning June 7th: *Swear to God*, a study with Fr. Duncan, and *Living the Good News*. LTGN will meet, although Dr. Reagan White is taking a summer sabbatical. Class participants are going to take turns leading the discussion of the Sunday readings.
- Youth Sunday went very well. So good to see teens participating in the liturgy. We need MORE of this so that visitors can experience a growing church with 'youth' and children at SAEC. *
- Six graduating high school seniors were recognized in the bulletin and received a gift from the parish during the service.

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- VBS registration is coming along. At this time we have: 16 children registered in grades PreK4's - 5th grade; 5 helpers in 6th & 7th graders; 5 student leaders - 10th - 12th graders; 5 adult leaders; 4 adult helpers; 4 'maybe'- adult helpers. We have phoned and sent forms and flyers via email to invited members of St. Peter & Paul, St. Mark's and St. Gregory's to our VBS. The youth are going to distribute VBS flyers in neighboring residential areas/street next weekend. We hope for at least 35 participants in VBS, and need more adult and young adult leaders. Tell your family and neighbors, grandchildren, etc.
- VBS volunteers will meet Sunday, June 14th at 2pm to decorate; set up stage, etc. (We will meet another time prior to that during June 1-7th, TBD.) VBS materials have been ordered and are arriving. (i.e., decorations, manuals, student books, crafts, etc..)
- Sign ups with a list of snacks to donate will be posted in the Narthex. The list will be posted in the bulletin, as well, on upcoming Sundays. Items needed for decorations will also be listed. Donations may be dropped off in Room 2, across from the library.
- Children's Liturgy breaks for the summer.
- Susie Wheaton thanks everyone for your prayers for this ministry and for *growth among young families with children to our parish and for *vision as we seek to plan programs for this purpose.

Vestry members were reminded of the need to take "Safeguarding God's Children" offered through the diocese. Information is available on the diocese web site.

Youth Ministry – Fr. Duncan

Teenage Youth Group

The Teenage Youth Group will keep its meeting time on Sunday evenings from 6:30 to 8:15pm. During Lent the Youth Group continued its discussion-study of C.S. Lewis' *The Screwtape Letters*. We will continue that study until we've completed all of the letters.

This summer I will be teaching the scripture classes at the St. Michael's Youth Conference, at Camp Crucis. I'm proud to say that we will have three students from St. Alban's Teenage Youth Group participating in the St. Michael's Conference: Madison Bowen, George Meek, and Brooke Wagoner.

Upcoming Events:

- Saturday, May 23rd – Outing to *Six Flags*
- June 7th - 13th – St. Michael's Conference Southwest

Junior Youth Group (ages 8-12)

The Junior Youth Group had a great time at their outing to Ripley's Believe It or Not on April 18th. We toured through their main museum and also their Wax Museum and Mirror Maze. We ended our trip with lunch at Isabella's Pizzeria in Grand Prairie. The Junior Youth Group also met on April 26th for Pizza and Games following the 10:30am Eucharist.

Upcoming Events:

- Friday, June 5th – End of School Lock-In @ the Church

Caritas (20s and 30s ministry)

Despite the rain, *Caritas* had a great turnout and a fun time at their Spring Cookout, on April 17th, at Canterbury House. Canterbury House was a great location and we hope to host several events there in the future for 20s and 30s.

The new *Caritas* Christian Education class will begin on Trinity Sunday, June 7th with a study of Scott Hahn's book *Swear to God: The Promise and Power of the Sacraments*.

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Upcoming Events:

- Saturday, May 23rd – “Dessert with *Caritas*” @ Cheesecake Factory
- Sunday, June 7th – *Caritas* Book Study Begins

Pastoral Care – Sue Hogg, Richard Stolley

Stephen Ministry

Keith Higham reports that a new leader, Laura Horton, is being trained so that three people will share that new responsibility. Keith wants to reinforce that strict confidentiality is maintained with Stephen Ministers and the care receivers.

Lay Eucharistic Visitors

The Holy Eucharist is now being provided to a new individual, bringing the total to five.

Hospital Visitors

Jinni Touchstone has now signed for this important ministry bringing the total to seven. Ideally, according to Keith Higham, they would love to have fourteen individuals to cover every day of the week. (Currently they have Tuesdays to Thursdays.)

Outreach

Laura Lace reported on what was mentioned in the Legate that they were proud to give a check to Hope Tutoring, The Salvation Army and Wish with Wings totaling \$2000. She also added that they would welcome anyone who would drop in!

Outreach and Mission – Rick Coombs, Jim Swann, Richard Stolley

- This past Saturday we made 90 lunches as well as served dinner at the Arlington Life Shelter.
- Sowing seeds were at the Gittibans new home in Arlington this month....the turnout was great, the food and refreshment were fantastic, and as always the fellowship was in favor of conservatism. We accomplished a lot and had fun doing it.
- Next month we are responding to Fr. Duncan's request for helping them to move into their new home and also respond to Mrs. Hinton's annual request to clean out her flower beds.

Ultreya

New Officers:	Spiritual Director	Fr Kresowaty
	Rector	Sue Hogg
	Observing Rector	Peter Haagen
	Treasurer	Sara Beall
	Palanca	Diane Hartley
	Welcome Home	Judy Short & Sara Pfiester
	Music	Paul Nelson
	Historians	Steve & Rilla Altman
	4 th Day	to be announced

Attendance at Ultreya functions has been excellent as we met for placemat parties, Welcome Home parties, and Ultreya meetings. We also provided support for St. Alban's members who were making their Cursillo or who were on the team to bring the Cursillo to the people. We have submitted an article to the upcoming Legate in order to explain the Cursillo movement as a tool for renewing and strengthening

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Christian faith and to invite everyone at St. Alban's to any or all of these activities

Stewardship Committee – Stephen Vinson, Jim Swann

- Three new pledges were received, and one old pledge was discontinued, leaving us with 155 pledges for \$473,415 for 2009.
- The committee has not yet met in May to discuss the next program. We are still looking for new volunteers to join us.
- Authorization for the Kroger Cares program will need to be renewed after June 1. Stephen will obtain the necessary information for individual card holders to have scanned with their Kroger card. The form will be available in the Narthex.

Junior Warden's Report – Doug Hosea

Completed Repairs since last Vestry meeting

- Plenum leak fixed in hallway
- Repairs made at Cawthron Hall

Repairs on the horizon:

- Adding router to existing internet line to give wireless access throughout the church building
- Repair light fixtures in the Narthex
- Speaker repairs need to be made in the nursery and narthex.

Buildings & Grounds – Doug Hosea, Rick Coombs, Ty Head

.See Junior Warden's Report

Communications Committee – Sara Beall, Jim Ray

No report.

Development Committee – Doug Hosea, Sheryl Fritz, Ty Head

No committee meetings since the last Vestry meeting.

Capital Campaign Finances

Current Balance	\$266,062	
Committed Contracts	\$ 32,933	Ward Manufacturing (Pews)
	\$ 5,512	Partner Security
Remaining Balance	\$227,617	

Marsee Memorial Garden

The firm contracted to build the Columbarium structure is still awaiting receipt of ordered material. Construction of the Columbarium will hopefully begin the week of June 1, if not sooner. Once the columbarium frame has been constructed, the brick mason will return to build the fountain structure. The cast stone cap and crosses have been completed with exception of short walls within the Garden. There was a material shortage that prevented this from being completed with the rest of the work, but this has been resolved and should be done within the next two weeks. The Iron fencing and hand rails have been installed. The only projects left to complete Phase I is the Columbarium structure (not face and niches), the fountains and the irrigation system.

Parish Hall

After review and discussions with two elevator manufacturers, it has been determined that there will need to be some structural changes to area designated for the elevator. This will be an extensive project;

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therefore, it was decided to move the elevator project back into the overall Parish Hall project. Brad Warner of Cameron Alread Architects has offered to address the development committee at our next meeting on the processes involved in this project

Security System

Installation of the security system is in progress at the time of this report

New Church Pews

Contract was signed with Ward Manufacturing on April 13th and deposit of \$16,221 was put down to begin manufacturing of the pews. Delivery and installation is expected in mid to Late July. Specifications were also given to Ward Manufacturing for new Altar furniture. Ronnie Green of Ward Manufacturing met with Doug Hosea and Fr. Kresowaty on May 15th and presented a mock up for the pew end for our approval. He also showed us a sample of the alter chair for our consideration. We liked the design, but wanted to raise the chair about 2". We also spoke in detail about the celebrant chairs. We have not received a formal quote on the altar furniture as of report time, but Mr. Green verbally quoted a price of \$160 for the acolyte chairs and \$1,600 - \$1,800 for the celebrant chairs. That would put the total cost at \$5,680. We have some memorial funds designated for the altar furniture totaling approximately \$2,100. We need approval from the Vestry for funds not to exceed \$4,000 for the remaining balance of the project.

A motion was made by Sara Beall, seconded by Stephen Vinson to approve no more than \$4000 be spent from the Capital Campaign Fund for the balance of the altar chairs project. The motion passed unanimously.

Nominations & Personnel – Jody Gittiban, Sheryl Fritz

No report.

Secretaries Report – Fr. Matkin

- Average Sunday attendance for 2009 YTD: 280
- Transfers in: 1
- Baptisms: 0
- Marriages: 0
- Transfers out: 3
- Births: 0
- Deaths: 1

Old Business

- Sprinkler System - a check will be made for additional leaks
- Northbridge Building – it was discovered this is actually a modular structure rather than portable building, meaning it will need to be demolished and disposed of rather than simply being removed.

New Business

The Vestry reviewed proposals brought by Sara Beall for the electric service contract for the church facilities.

A motion was made by Jim Swann, seconded by Doug Hosea, to authorize signing an electric

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service contract with Direct Energy for a 36 month period. The motion passed unanimously.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Fr. Kresowaty closed with a blessing at 9:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Susan W. Kennemer
Vestry Clerk

Next meeting of the Vestry will be June 17, 2009 at 7:00 pm in Room 10.

ADDENDUM:

The Vestry met on April 26, 2009 and passed the following resolution. It is dated when all the votes were received.

WHEREAS, certain litigation has been initiated against our Bishop and the Trustees of the Corporation for the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth with respect to the possession, ownership and control of real and personal property within the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth, including real and personal property held in trust for the beneficial ownership, possession and use of St. Alban's;

WHEREAS, upon Motion made by Ty Head, and seconded by Richard Stolley, the Vestry of St. Alban's unanimously approved the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that The Rev. Edward F. Kresowaty be authorized to engage legal counsel at no cost to St. Alban's for the purpose of filing a Plea in Intervention on behalf of St. Alban's in that certain litigation now pending in the 141st District Court of Tarrant County, Texas, wherein The Episcopal Church, *et al* are Plaintiffs and The Right Reverend Jack L. Iker, *et al* are Defendants.

APPROVED this 3rd day of May, 2009.

- Doug may touch on this further but the Sanctuary Chairs would cost \$160.00 per chair. We have need of 13 Chairs and two Celebrants Chairs. We have a memorial gift of \$2091.70 to pay towards these chairs. The Celebrants Chairs are quite a bit more expensive so I will let Doug give you this amount in his report.