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In attendance: Fr. Kresowaty, Carolyn Dobbs, Jim Rhea, Steve Altman, Susan Hekman, Diane Hartley, Kathy Jones, Peggy Pate, John Banks, Ron Horton, Tim Cox, Chris Troutt, Fr. Matkin

Absent: Darrell Glidewell, Wendell Rosales

Fr. Kresowaty called meeting to order with prayer at 7:04.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the July Vestry meeting have not yet been reviewed and approved.

Rector's Report

- Welcome to Ron Horton as a new member of the Vestry.
- If a vestry member feels they must resign from the Vestry, the appropriate action is to come to the Rector before deciding on an action. If the decided action is to resign then a written letter of resignation should be given to the Rector in advance of the next Vestry meeting.
- There are issues the vestry must consider on the topic of stewardship, as two families have left our parish taking their pledge with them. Another family has requested that none of their giving goes to the diocese. This may mean more giving to an existing specific fund.
- The vestry will also need to consider the issue of giving to the "National Church."
- Healthy communication is another issue that the Vestry needs to reflect upon, especially as it relates to General Convention and reactions in the Diocese and in the Parish.
- The church staff has been working hard and many preparations are already done or in the works through December. This includes new pamphlets, the new directory, programs, fellowship and music.
- Attendance was up over last summer. Giving is up over expected amounts even though our deficit is quite large at the moment.
- The school is geared up, in session and religious classes are beginning.

Newcomers – Diane Hartley and Peggy Pate

- Newcomers Ministry has remained active during the summer.
- We have received 17 Newcomers and taken 14 to lunch.
- Most of these people continue to attend and several have begun bringing friends.
- We continue to have a gap between those who come to Newcomers and then attend church regularly and those who actually join. Meeting with Father Kresowaty to address that problem.
- The Bridge To Membership Team is quite busy with our visitors who are interested in the church. Members have been assigned to all our summer newcomers.

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Events – Fr. Matkin

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AUGUST

19 Eucharist and Rector's Roundtable

20 ***Rally Day***

SEPTEMBER

2 Simpson/Glidewell Wedding

4 Labor Day (church office closed)

6 ***Family Night – Ice Cream Social***

8 Girl Scout Lock-in

10 ***Blood Drive at SAEC***

16 ***Parish Work Day***

18-22 SSC Annual Synod at St. Vincent's in Bedford

30 ***Stewardship Wine & Cheese Event in Parish Hall***

OCTOBER

4 ***Family Night***

14 ECW Fall Congress

17 Eastern Deanery Meeting

NOVEMBER

1 ***Family Night / All Saints' Day***

2 ***All Souls' Day***

11 Auction at SAES

12 ***Bishop's Visitation at SAEC***

17-18 Diocesan Convention at St. Peter & Paul, Arlington

Worship Committee – Tim Cox and Peggy Pate

No report

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Christian Education – Diane Hartley and Kathy Jones

- Sunday School teacher recruitment continues right through Rally Day, as we need one more teacher for Pre-K, First Communion, 2nd/3rd grade, 6th/7th grades, and 8th/9th grade classes. Need 5 more teachers to have teams of 3 and 4 for each class.
- Teachers are invited to the Rector's Roundtable Saturday, prior to Rally Day and they are asked to wear nametags, identifying themselves as Sunday School Teachers, and meet and greet the children and parents on Rally Day.
- Orientation for the SS Teachers is the week prior to the first day of classes, August 27th, this year. There will be a parent meeting after the 10:30 service on this Sunday.
- CE will have a table at Rally Day for 1) Registration for Adult classes, Pre-K - 12th grades, First Communion Classes - first 14 weeks of the fall. There will also be 'interest' sheets for a '20-30 Something Adult class' and an interest sheet for 'First Wednesday Parish Nights'.
- St. Alban's had 10 participants at the recent, Diocesan Christian Education Conference, held at SAES. All reported a productive time in their workshops.
- Sunday afternoon, after Rally Day, the parish children are invited to a VBS Reunion/Sunday School Kick Off Party to see their VBS friends, sing their favorite songs, attend a drama presentation of a Bible adventure, learn more about how Jesus cares for us, and meet their Sunday School teachers who will encourage them to come back next Sunday for Sunday School!
- Adult CE will offer 1) A lectionary study - Living the Good News, led by Walt Cabe; 2) A confirmation study, led by Fr. Kresowaty, 3) A fall, Book and Bible Study - 'The Screwtape Letters' followed by 'The Apocrypha' led by Peggy Pate and Fr. Matkin.

Youth Ministry – Diane Hartley and Peggy Pate

Committee meets once a month to plan Wednesday events and Christian Education.

Pastoral Care – Diane Hartley and Peggy Pate

Hospital Visitors

Covered in Stephen Minister's report. Breakdown in communication regarding who is ill.

Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Covered in Stephen Ministry report. Not happy with name change even if it came from ECUSA.

Outreach and Mission – Diane Hartley

Fr. Matkin has completed an update to the guide to...Outreach and Mission at St. Alban's.

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Stephen Ministry

- Stephen Ministry met August 13th, with an attendance of seven.
- We discussed the Lay Eucharistic Visitors; No one is happy with the new name even if it comes from ECUSA.
- Also discussed was that sometimes a known member of the congregation is ill and there seems to be no communication.
- We hope to invite Fr.Kresowaty to attend a continuing Education with us in the fall.
We are twelve Stephen Ministers at this point and we have a total of 7 Care Receivers.

Community Outreach

Meals on Wheels: Alison Coombs volunteered. Another volunteer will substitute.
Arlington Charities: Aug. 20 to begin collecting money for School Children in Need.

School Committee Report – Jim Rhea

School board met last Friday, due to some urgent issues around finances and ways to resolve them. An additional urgent issue was to get the full board seated. Two additional members were seated. Bill Johnston will serve the last 2 years of the Steve Hawrylak's term. Danny Smedley will serve last year of Mike Cherry's term.

Projected capacity is 276. Enrollment is approximately 260. Need 350+ students to meet financial obligations.

Booster Club is now completely funding the sports program at the school.

Treasurer's Report – John Banks/Wendell Rosales

- Pledge and Plate income for July was \$44,001.00, when corrected for annual prepaid pledges totaled \$46,484.33, well below the budgeted amount of \$56,758.00.
- July expenses were \$62,944.76 (budgeted \$62,328.91).

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Stewardship Committee – Kathy Jones

- Theme for 2007 pledge campaign is “ God’s Harvest: Giving As We Have Received”
- Patterned after a FREE stewardship and giving resource developed by Vital Church Ministries at Christ Church, Plano; used at St. Alban’s in 2005
- Focuses on Givers and Why They Give, and Increasing Everyone’s Commitment and Involvement in the Parish
- Incorporates fellowship, encouragement, education, appreciation and opportunity to give
- Will be unveiled on Rally Day, Sunday, August 20
- Includes a Wine & Cheese event, Saturday evening, September 30 in the parish hall
- Features a special Sunday sermon series during month of October
- Targets two Harvest Sundays for the in-gathering of pledges, October 22 and 29
- Consolidates follow-up in month of November
- Provides two Harvest Reports to the parish regarding in-gathering progress on the first Sundays in November and December
- Provides timely pledge information to the Finance Committee and Vestry enabling preparation of the 2007 Operating Budget
- Concludes on Sunday, January 21, 2007 at the annual parish meeting with a “Celebration of the Harvest”

Junior Warden’s Report

- Plumbing leak on playground has been repaired by a parishioner, but the pipe needs to be replaced.
- Water bill for Cawthron Hall was high due to leaks.
- Kitchen committee is working on plans to improve the kitchen until there is a master plan.
- September 16 – Parish Work Day (8-1:00). Groups working on playground, gutters, window cleaning, pew repairs. We will need 25-30 people to accomplish all tasks. A group will also fix lunch.

Communications Committee – Carolyn Dobbs and Susan Hekman

The installation of the software for the parishioner database has been delayed until later this month.

Chancellor’s Report – Chris Troutt

No report

Development Committee Report – John Banks and Darrell Glidewell

No report

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Nominations & Personnel – Diane Hartley and Carolyn Dobbs

Presented a timeline for getting vestry candidates on the ballot for the Annual Parish Meeting. Includes engaging additional committee members and the communication plan.

Secretaries Report – Fr. Matkin

- Average Sunday attendance for July 2006: 289
- Transfers in: 0
- Baptisms: 0
- Marriages: 0
- Transfers out: 1
- Births: 0
- Deaths: 1

Old Business

- 1) Executive Committee on Capital Funds Drive
 - Committee is in the process of determining whether to move forward with a capital campaign. The vestry reviewed material from an additional capital raising corporation. A meeting will be set up Cargill Associates an additional stewardship consulting corporation. The vestry is awaiting a report from the Development Committee on potential uses for the funds.
 - Steve Altman made a motion that the vestry commit to a capital campaign. Susan Hekman seconded. Ten members approved and one did not.
- 2) Update on 4th Street Property

An additional offer was made on the 4th Street property, but it was well below the price at which it is currently listed. UTA will be contacted to determine any interest in the property.
- 3) Victory Fund and Mortgage payments as debt reduction (This was covered under #1).
- 4) Gospel Mission Fund
 - Tim Cox made a motion that the vestry lift the restriction on the Fr. Woods Memorial Fund. Kathy Jones seconded. All approved.
 - Peggy Pate made a motion that the vestry send the complete amount of the Fr. Woods memorial to the Union Gospel Mission for the benefit of the children there in Fr. Woods' memory. Tim Cox seconded. All approved.

New Business

- 1) Resolution of the Episcopal Foundation of the Diocese of Dallas release funds for reimbursement of scholarships granted for youth to attend Camp Crucis. These funds were paid from and will be reimbursed to the Rector's discretionary fund.
- 2) Honor and Janene Collins donated to the church a watercolor of St. Alban's cathedral and accompanying plaque.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

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Fr. Kresowaty closed with prayer at 9:07.

Respectfully submitted by,

Carolyn Dobbs