In attendance: Steve Altman, Fr. Matkin, Jim Rhea, Diane Hartley, Carolyn Dobbs, Judy Marsee, Kathy Jones, Tim Cox, Nasser Gittiban, John Banks, Chris Troutt, Kristin Hadawi, John Dosher

Absent: Nick Garefalos

Steve Altman called meeting to order at 7:12.

Kathy Jones opened with prayer at 7:15.

Approval of Minutes -

The minutes from August were submitted for review. Tim Cox moved for approval. John Banks seconded. All approved.

School Committee - Jim Rhea

- Current enrollment for SAES is at 244 students
- 13 students have enrolled as a result of their displacement after Hurricane Katrina
- Increased enrollment anticipated stemming from information/advertisements sent to South Arlington and Mansfield areas
- ACT Church is leasing room from SAES
- A picture of the new crucifix and new altar made by parishioner Alex Mills and Fr. and Mrs. Matkin at SAES is posted on The Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth website.

Priest-in-Charge Report – Fr. Matkin

- St. Alban's is hosting wedding this Saturday for Hurricane Rita evacuees
- Bring a friend Sunday brought 10 friends
- Monthly first Wednesday family night went well and paid for itself
- Fr. Mat kin has vision of St. Alban's being a teaching church

Newcomers Report - Diane Hartley/Kristin Hadawi

No Report

Worship Committee - Tim Cox

No Report

Events Report – Fr. Matkin

- October 2 Mass in the Grass/Blessing of the Animals at 5:30 in the Memorial Garden area
- October 8 Wine and Cheese event/tour at SAES
- October 21-23 at Inns Lake State Park Parish Campout
- All Souls Day Mass will be held at 12:00 and 7:00
- November 6 Confirmation will be held
- November 23 Thanksgiving Eve service
- November 27 Lessons and Carols and Stewardship Celebration

Christian Education – Diane Hartley/Kathy Jones

• 2 teachers are still needed for Christian Education

Youth Ministry - Diane Hartley/Kristin Hadawi

- Wednesday night activities are available for children ages infant through 12th grade
- Upcoming events include:
 - -New Beginnings October 7 through 9 at the Episcopal Renewal Center
 - -Church Campout October 21-23
 - -Jr. High Fall Rally October 21-23
 - -Happening November 11-13
 - -Senior High Rally November 5-6 at Camp Crucis

Pastoral Care - Diane Hartley/Kristin Hadawi

- DOK, ECW, and Altar Guild Fall Assembly will be held on October 8, 2005
- September 25 will be Stephen Ministry Sunday, where the active Stephen Ministers will sign their covenant. Jane Blackburn will be installed as a new Stephen Ministry leader at that time
- St. Alban's Angels have been busy providing meals for Parish families
- Deacon Claire is doing better and is recovering

Outreach and Mission - Diane Hartley/Kristin Hadawi

- Jaeger Family from Mississippi has been furnished with clothes with help from the Fort Worth Diocese, St. Alban's, and the Salvation Army
- Kristin Hadawi has volunteered to head any emergency outreach relief program St. Alban's might develop
- Kristin will also send out weekly e-mails for the foreseeable future letting the vestry know what is needed for community outreach

Treasurer's Report – John Banks/Nick Garefalos

- Chris Troutt is investigating information on the Fr. Woods endowment
- Pledge and Plate receipts for September totaled \$42,398 versus the budgeted amount of \$47,045 (there were four Sundays in September)
- Utility costs were greater than budgeted in August (\$5,600 versus budgeted amount of \$5,017)
- Sub-committee of the Joint Fair Share committee for St. Alban's Church and School met in August to come up with a plan to get a more accurate accounting of the fair share debt. The sub-committee will prepare a letter to send to school board members of the joint committee to get clearer idea of their position.

<u>Stewardship Committee – Kathy Jones/Kristin Hadawi</u>

- The Stewardship theme was displayed on a banner at Rally day where 83 home baked loaves of bread were distributed.
- October is stewardship month beginning with first in sermon series on Sunday, October 2 and continuing through the end of October.
- October 8, a Wine and Cheese fellowship to be held at SAES. Tours between 5 6 and wine and cheese 6 7:30.

Junior Warden's Report - Tim Cox

- Sowing Seeds did a great job painting in classrooms and hallways
- Carpet repair/replace estimates are being received
- Air conditioners over classrooms 5 and 6 have been repaired
- Exit signs are being installed throughout the church
- Roof repairs have been made
- Canterbury House AC needs repairs and is not receiving enough electricity to operate properly

Communications Committee - Carolyn Dobbs/John Dosher

• Web site is up and looks great

<u>Chancellor's Report - Chris Troutt</u>

Property tax exemption applications will be filed by next month

Development Committee Report – Judy Marsee/Nasser Gittiban/John Banks

- Working on Marsee Memorial Garden Fund
- Information will be put in upcoming parish newsletters
- Various people have expressed interest in some of the 4th Street properties

Nominations and Personnel - Diane Hartley/Carolyn Dobbs

• School Board has one vacancy for church member

Secretaries Report - Fr. Matkin

• Average Sunday attendance: 278

Transfers in: 4Baptisms: 1Marriages: 0Transfers out: 0

Births: 0Deaths: 1

Old Business

Ballpark Fundraiser – Chris Troutt/Jim Rhea

• A total of \$20,966.69 has been received from the concession stand efforts to date. This does not include the late September and October games, which will be included in the final report presented at the October meeting.

Search Committee – Carolyn Dobbs/Nasser Gittiban

• Has made recommendation to senior warden

New Business

Diocesan Assessment

No report

Fr. Matkin closed with prayer at 10:43

Respectfully submitted by,

Marguerite (Lisa) M. Glasgow