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

Absent: Jody Gittiban, Jim Ray, Bob Yarger

Fr. Kresowaty called the meeting to order with prayer at 7:06 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

- The Minutes of the August Vestry meeting were approved via email.

**Rector's Report**

- Fr. Kresowaty reported on the St. Alban's vision goals that 18 parishioners have submitted.
- There is a need for a chairman for Kountry Kitchen because Ginger Capaccioli is unable to be the chairman this year.
- There is a need for a nursery coordinator (preferably bilingual) to replace Jeannette Hamilton who has moved.
- The Bishop's Visitation and Confirmation is October 4, 2009.
- Sheryl Fritz made the motion to approve the following persons as Eucharistic Visitors: Keith W. Higham, Jane Blackburn, Suzanne Franke, Mike Franke, Mary Helen Rogers, William W. Lace, Laura Lace, C. Richard Stolley, Esther S. Stolley, Gaither Hartley, Diane W. Hartley, Linda Blackburn, Sarita Stewart, Marge Roesler. Sue Hogg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Doug Hosea made the motion to approve Susan Oates Wheaton as Catechist. Richard Stolley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Sue Hogg made the motion to approve the following persons as Eucharistic Ministers: Diane D. Cawthron, Sean Sparkman, Robert L. White, Randy P. Sparks, Joe M. Lundy Jr., Ben C. Nix, Rebecca J. Brown, Robert W. Yarger, Timothy J. Cox, Ty Head, Benjamin C. Doerge, Laura K Horton, Franklin E. Salazar, Patricia Salazar, Peter Harry Haagen, Stephen S. Vinson

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

- Pledge and Plate income for August 2009 was \$44,900.00, (\$5,500 more than the budgeted amount of 39,400.00.)
- August expenses were \$45,000, (\$7,200 less than the budgeted amount of \$52,200.00).
- Year to Date Pledge and Plate income is \$357,700.00 (\$34,300 more than the budgeted YTD amount of \$323,400.00)
- Year to Date Expenses are \$407,300 (\$38,000 less than budgeted YTD amount of \$445,300)

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- Year to Date deficit is \$49,600 (\$72,300 less than budgeted YTD deficit of \$121,900). If the current trend of income and expense continues, we expect to further reduce the annual projected deficit to \$64K or less.
- Total due to the line of credit is \$27,244. We have not needed to borrow from the line of credit since January EOM.
- Notable payments from dedicated accounts in August were:
  - \$45,533 from Capital Campaign for following items: Pews @ \$32,933, Parish Hall Air Conditioning @ \$6500 and Preparation and Refinishing of Choir Loft and Nave Floors @ \$6100).
  - \$11,469 from Organ Fund for continuing work by Ross King
- Mortgage Refinancing Update- Despite the approval of our refinancing by Compass Bank's loan committee, delays continue. To process our refinancing, they require something called an "entity document" which we have so far been unable to obtain. Communications with the bank will continue this week and we will attempt to overcome this remaining hurdle. Although we are all frustrated by this on-going saga, it should be remembered that our loan has been approved by their loan committee and that the deal waives significant closing cost items which we would incur if we refinance elsewhere. The vestry discussed the delay in refinancing our mortgage loan. Sue Hogg made a motion for Bill Richardson to investigate refinancing our mortgage loans at another bank. Jim Swann seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

- Two people were taken out to lunch earlier this month for the newcomer's lunch.

**Events**

*Bold type indicates parish-wide event*

SEPTEMBER 2009

- 25 Caritas, 6:30pm  
29 Make-up Confirmation class – Room 10, 7:00 pm

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- 3 **Blessing of the Animals**  
3 Prayers and Squares meet at 9:00am  
4 **Bishop Iker's visitation – Confirmation/Baptism, potluck luncheon after 10:30 service**  
8 Stewardship meeting – Room 10, 7:00pm  
9-11 Teenage youth group - rural mission trip  
10 Stand-up Parenting – Parish Hall, 8:30am  
10 Daughters of the King – Conference Room, 9:15am  
13 Stephen Minister meeting – Room 10, 7:00pm  
17 Brotherhood of St. Andrew – Parish Hall 8:00am

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- 17 Order of St. Luke – Parlor, 9:00am
- 18 Grande Ultreya – St. Peter & St. Paul
- 25 Youth Sunday
- 31 Halloween – **Trunk 'n Treat at 6:00pm**

NOVEMBER 2009

- 1 All Saints' Day
- 2 **All Soul's Day, HE and Commemoration of the dead service at 10:00am and 6:30pm**
- 3 Palanca Placemat Party – Room 10, 8:00pm
- 6-7 Diocesan Convention – St. Peter and St. Paul
- 8 Welcome Home, Cursillo #280 – Parish Hall, 6:30pm
- 10 Stephen Minister meeting – Room 10, 7:00pm
- 12 Stewardship Meeting – Room 10, 7:00pm
- 14 Daughters of the King – Conference Room, 9:15am
- 15 First Communion Sunday
- 18 Holy Hour, 6:00pm
- 21 Order of St. Luke – Parlor, 9:00am
- 25 Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7:00pm
- 26 Thanksgiving Day, church office closed
- 27 Thanksgiving holiday, church office closed
- 29 **Craft Project during Christian Education Hour, 9:15am**

**Worship Committee – Jim Ray, Steve Vinson, Richard Stolley**

- Several of the old pews have been moved to Room 8 for use in Children's Liturgy.

**Christian Education – Sara Beall, Sue Hogg, Jim Ray**

- The classrooms for children and youth and children's chapel were painted and renewed with a fresh look and in some cases, location for our Fall 2009.
- Classes began September 13th. We had 5 PreK/K, 7 Elementary, 3 Youth, 30 Adults.
- September 20th, we had 4 PreK/K, 9 Elementary, 3 Youth, approx 30 Adults.
- The visual art and scripture art has been ordered and will be installed by the end of September, early October. The new additions will be seen in the hallway by Rm 1, in the two stairwells, and in the upstairs hallways, and Room 24, the 'Praise Center' for youth.
- Our CE volunteers are well-prepared and overwhelmingly generous with their time and talent and in helping prepare their classrooms this year.
- Don Wheaton, development committee member, will have a color scheme for use in refreshing the main hallway, adult classrooms, youth spaces, and library by October 1.
- Susie Wheaton met with Canon Blewett, author of "Gospel Discipleship Formation" ie The Jesus Method, to learn about this mentoring program for use with those seeking confirmation. Susie believes this would be a very beneficial process to deepen our faith, strengthen our Christian commitments, and relationships among our SAEC family, now and in the future. Although, it is too late to begin this process this year, for our 7

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confirmation students, it is something we should consider. It would require very committed clergy and laity. It is a weekly meeting September - May, with the confirmation following. More than a general study of 'History, Tradition, Sacraments and Scripture', the process has resulted in increased leadership and action among participants, vs 'rarely seeing the newly confirmed or newly baptized again', that is often common. Those with a passion for the goals of Newcomers and Ultreya would be gifted for this ministry.

**Youth Ministry/Family Ministry – Fr. Duncan**

- **Teenage Youth Group**

Despite the cloudy weather and occasional rain drizzle, our Teenage Youth Group had a great time at the Hosea Lake House on Saturday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>. On Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> the teens returned to meeting weekly for youth group. This fall we began a series entitled “Your Questions, God’s Answers” aimed at answering some of the questions about life and faith that teens have today.

This Sunday our teens will be attending the St. Michael’s Conference Reunion at Church of the Holy Apostles, at 4:00pm. This will take the place of our regular Sunday youth group meeting.

**Upcoming Events:**

Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> – St. Michaels’ Conference Reunion

Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> – Trunk N’ Treat Car Decorating @ 3:00pm

- **Junior Youth Group (ages 8-12)**

The Junior Youth Group had a great turnout for their Pre-Rally Day Pool Party at the Hosea Home on August 29<sup>th</sup>. This was a great event for the kids to see each other and get excited about this fall’s children’s Sunday School and Junior Youth Group. On Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> the Junior Youth Group had their first meeting of the Fall. This fall we have been discussing generosity and the importance of giving to those in need. At our next meeting we will be decorating donation boxes which will be put out in the entry way. Once the boxes are decorated the congregation will be invited to bring hygiene products such as soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes or toothpaste in them. These will then be donated to one of our local missions.

**Upcoming Events:**

Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> – Junior Youth Group Meeting @ 12:15pm

Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> – Trunk N’ Treat @5:30pm

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- Caritas (20s and 30s ministry) – Fr. Duncan  
**Upcoming Events:**  
Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> – Concert Night at Levitt Pavilion
- Canterbury Association  
Canterbury Association had its first gathering on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at the Canterbury House. We begin our meetings with mass in the chapel followed by a free meal and fellowship time.  
**Upcoming Events:**  
Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> – Canterbury Meeting
- Monday Book Club  
The Monday Book Club kicked off our study of Dante's *Inferno* on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. We have had a tremendous response to this offering with 16 attending our last class. For those who are still interested there are now more copies available in the St. Alban's Bookstore.

**Pastoral Care – Sue Hogg, Richard Stolley**

- The Wednesday Morning Bible Study began on September 16, at 10:30 am, studying the book of Isaiah. A workbook is available from the Bookstore.
- Altar Guild, Life Shelter, LEM groups were polled about their Wish Lists of “big ticket” items they would shop for if their budgets were fully funded by the Vestry next year. The Stewardship Committee is collecting these Dream Big lists from each ministry to include in the stewardship program for 2010. Each ministry was well represented at Rally Day, and were pleased with the turnout and responses.
- The Usher/Oblationers group added six new members to the Usher list from the Rally Day crowd.
- Laura Horton was installed as a Stephen Ministry leader.

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

- Prayers and Squares has had a wonderful response as this new outreach ministry organizes. The national headquarters has designated Chapter 895 will be at St. Alban's and we have 16 women ready to make prayer quilts and prayer squares. After two organizational meetings in September, the group will have a workday on Saturday, October 3rd at 9am in room 10. We will have sewing machines, ironing boards and work tables for the preparation, teaching and sewing of the quilts and squares. We have tied with prayers two quilts given from St. Alban's so far. Request forms for prayer quilts are available in the narthex. We are thankful that this ministry has been so well received by the clergy and parishioners of St. Alban's.
- St. Alban's Ultreya has had a busy fall. The Rally Day table was manned by members of the Ultreya in order to explain this method of strengthening the spiritual lives of Christians. Ultreya members also met in August and in September in order to support

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each other and to provide support for Cursillo #278 which was held at All Saints Camp on September 17-20. All of the Ultreya events and gatherings have been well attended. Marsha Neal made her cursillo in September and Peter Haagen served on the team. A gathering of over forty members and guests greeted them on their return home and enjoyed hearing their observations of the weekend.

- Sowing Seeds- We had our best rally day this year since the start of the sowing seeds. Thanks to our lobbyist on the floor of the parish hall, Ty "bring the young ones in" Head for recruiting all those folks. There are nine new members which will make the total roster to be 24 people in sowing seeds this year. Please relay to everyone that sowing seeds would like to encourage everyone in the vestry to keep their eyes and ears open for anyone who is hinting that they may need some help and ask them to contact us. They can either call the Church office or e-mail their request to: Sowing-seeds@saintalbans.org. We have two events already scheduled this year but need to send the word out the schedule is wide open.....first Saturday of each month (practically)....the schedule has sent to Anna to be published in the news letter.

**Stewardship Committee – Stephen Vinson, Jim Swann**

- The group met on September 10 to discuss the next program. It was decided to not purchase the 2010 Living Stewardship program as a follow-up to their program from last year. A tri-fold Narrative Budget brochure will be developed this year, which will be sent out immediately after the Bishop's visit on October 4. A letter to the parish will go out at the end of September delineating all the blessings this parish has received over the past year. This will lead to the theme of Dream Big for the brochure, which will focus on the big ticket items each ministry could initiate with increased proportional giving by the congregation.

**Junior Warden's Report – Doug Hosea**

- Sara Beall and her new son-in-law graciously added a new hose bib and hose reel to the playground to allow better access to water when cleaning the playground. They also added hose reels outside the Altar Guild room and outside the cry room.
- Work is just about done to the upstairs classrooms for Youth Christian Education. More details found in Susie Wheaton's report on Christian Education
- Air Conditioning System above the Kitchen had to be replaced.
- We had some leaks during the recent heavy rains that were coming from the same transition where the upper level joins the flat roof lower level. CMR construction sent a crew to replace the flashing along this transition to solve the problem.
- Locks were repaired at the entrance to the Narthex and the glass door entrance to the parish hall.

**Communications Committee – Sara Beall, Jim Ray**

No report.

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**Development Committee – Doug Hosea, Sheryl Fritz, Ty Head**

- Development Committee did not meet since the last vestry meeting
- Capital Campaign Finances: Current Balance \$255,622  
Current obligations \$240 (6 pew cushions)  
Forward Balance \$255,382
- Marsee Garden - Work on Phase I of the Marsee Memorial Garden is complete. The columbarium cannot be constructed as originally designed, which was in two stages. The original design had the structure installed in phase one and the granite niches and top to be installed in phase two. The cost of the total columbarium is around \$16,000, of which we need an additional \$11,200 to complete. The vestry discussed Phase II of the project. Doug Hosea will investigate options and present a recommendation to the vestry.
- Church Pews- New Church pews and Altar furniture have been installed. Project complete.
- Choir Loft- Choir loft floor was stripped to the best ability and refinished. Previous polyurethane coat prevented some spots from absorbing the new finish, but overall was much better than before. New organ case construction is still ongoing.
- Parish Hall- We have obtained the contact information for two additional architectural firms that have parish hall renovation experience and will be contacting them to present to the development committee. Along with Cameron Alread, that will make three architects from which to make our choice.

**Nominations & Personnel – Jody Gittiban, Sheryl Fritz**

- The Nominations Committee met in September to finalize the list of Candidates for Delegates. They are Rilla Altman, Paul Nelson, Randy Sparks, Don Wheaton, Sue Yarger, Joe Lundy, Ben Doerge, Esther Stolley, Robert White
- We have begun the process for the Candidates for Vestry, and hope to have a full report next month.

**Secretaries Report**

- Average Sunday attendance for 2009 YTD: 254
- Transfers in: 1
- Baptisms: 1
- Marriages: 0
- Transfers out: 2
- Births: 0
- Deaths: 3

**Old Business**

- Water Pipe – no new action

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- Northbridge Building – no new action
- Refinancing – see Finance Committee report
- Memorial Garden – see Development Committee report

**New Business**

- Organ – The organ will not be functional on Sunday, September 27, 2009. Hopefully, it will be repaired by October 4 for the Bishop's Visit.
- Approval for Eucharistic Visitors – see Rector's report
- Approval for Chalice Bearers - see Rector's report
- Approval for Catechist - see Rector's report
- Bishop's Visitation - see Rector's report
- Kountry Kitchen - see Rector's report
- Nursery Oversight - see Rector's report
- Loan – see Treasurer's report
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**Closing Prayer and Adjournment**

Fr. Kresowaty closed with a blessing at 9:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Beall  
Vestry Member/Substitute Vestry Clerk

*Next meeting of the Vestry will be on October 21, 2009 at 7:00 pm in Room 10.*