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

Absent: Darrell Glidewell, Ron Horton

Fr. Kresowaty called meeting to order with prayer at 7:00.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October Vestry meeting were approved via email.

Special Report

Charles Patton, a parishioner from Brancheau Energy Solutions presented cost comparisons for various energy providers.

Rector's Report

- Fr. Kresowaty is preparing a pastoral response to the questions that have arisen relative to giving to The Episcopal Church.
- Kountry Kitchen went very well and earned more money than last year. The book store did well during this time also.
- Eleven parishioners were confirmed and three were baptized.
- Vestry reached consensus that parishioners will be polled on whether they would like a portion of their pledge to go to The Episcopal Church. The vestry will determine the percentage sent to TEC for parishioners who do not respond and for moneys received from plate donations.

Newcomers – Diane Hartley and Peggy Pate

- The Newcomer team greeted 4 newcomers in November and will plan to have them to lunch on December 3.
- One October newcomer was taken to lunch in November.
- Many Newcomers were received or confirmed 11/12 by the Bishop.
- There are still several active Bridge to Membership groups assisting newcomers and new ones will begin so the most recent Newcomers can also be served.

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Events – Fr. Matkin

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NOVEMBER

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

18 Kiwanis Chili Cook-off

19 First Communion

22 Thanksgiving Eve – Eucharist at 7:00 p.m.

26 Koffee with Kresowaty (No Sunday School)

DECEMBER

2 Retreat Day in preparation for Advent at SAEC, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

3 Advent Lessons and Carols –5:30, followed by dinner in the Parish Hall

4 SSC chapter at St. Alban's

5 School Mass – 9:30 a.m.

6 Family Nights at SAEC – St. Nicholas 5:45-7:30

12-14 School Buying Days at the Bookstore

17 Christmas Pageant during the Sunday liturgy at 10:30 a.m.

20 Vestry meeting

24 Special Schedule – Mass at 9:00 a.m. (Advent IV) and at 5:00, 8:00 and 10:30 (Christmas Eve services)

24 Koffee with Kresowaty (No Sunday School)

25 Christmas Day-Mass at 10:00 a.m.

31 Koffee with Kresowaty (No Sunday School)

JANUARY

28 Annual Parish Meeting

Worship Committee – Tim Cox and Peggy Pate

- Small benches at the back of the church have been moved to make more room for the choir.

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Christian Education – Diane Hartley and Kathy Jones

- Two youth were confirmed on Nov. 12th.
- Twelve, First/Early Communion candidates complete their course and make their First/Early Communion Nov. 19th.
- Classes will meet in Nov. and Dec, except Nov. 26th, Dec. 24th and Dec. 31st.
- Melaini Touchstone is directing our children's pageant on Dec. 17th during the 10:30am service. Rehearsals will be after church on Sundays during December.
- The Youth Lay Committee is taking a holiday break. There are no meetings for Nov. and Dec.
- The First Wednesday Parish Night for December 6th begins at 5:45pm w/ EP/HE/Choirs/Dinner with St. Nicholas/Shopping in the bookstore/Singing with Contemporary Choir members/Adult program w/ Fr. Matkin 'Untangling Your Christmas Lights'
- There are no First Wednesday Parish Nights planned for January or February.

Youth Ministry – Diane Hartley and Peggy Pate

- No Meetings - November 22, 26, December 20, 24, 27 or 31.
- Sunday, November 19 - Youth shop for and take Thanksgiving Dinner to Pearlie. Youth group will have Thanksgiving Dinner at the church and conclude by 4:00 p.m. NO Meeting from 5:00 to 7:00 this day.
- Sunday, December 3 - Teenagers attend Lessons and Carols Service at 5:30, afterwards dinner at 6:30.
- Wednesday, December 6, St. Nicholas Day - *Teenagers needed* from 5:45 - 7:30 to help children with Christmas shopping in the St. Alban's Bookstore. Dinner with St. Nicholas available for all at anytime from 5:45 to 7:00
- Sunday, December 10, 6 - 8 - Parents eat dinner & watch and discuss video called Parenting the Teenager, Teenagers discuss issues about unfavorable teachers.
- Sunday, December 17, 6 - 8 - Teenagers meet in the youth rooms for dinner and then go on a scavenger hunt to explore the real meaning of Christmas.

Pastoral Care – Diane Hartley and Peggy Pate

No report.

Outreach and Mission – Diane Hartley

No report.

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School Committee Report – Jim Rhea

- School financial plans were discussed in closed session.
- Meetings continue to take place at the school in November.

Treasurer's Report – John Banks/Wendell Rosales

- Pledge and Plate income for October was \$54,257.43, when corrected for annual prepaid pledges totaled \$56,740.76, above the budgeted amount of \$49,408.00.
- October expenses were \$48,565.57 (budgeted \$68,237.91).

Stewardship Committee – Kathy Jones and Susan Hekman

- As of 11-15-2006, the fifth week of ingathering, there have been 153 pledge cards received for 2007, totaling \$398,680.00, with an average pledge of \$2,605.75.
- Seven parishioners returned Time and Talent check lists; their names have been forward to the selected ministries/programs of interest.
- Thank you notes have been handwritten and mailed.
- Reminder telephone calls will begin this week.
- A stewardship article entitled "Of Fresh Fall Mornings and Pledge Cards" has been submitted for the December Legate.
- Notes to encourage the return of pledge cards will continue in Sunday bulletins. Extra pledge cards are available in the narthex. Completed cards may be placed in "God's Harvest" box or returned to the church office.

Junior Warden's Report

- Electrical work is being done in the kitchen to bring it up to code and prepare to install a new freezer.

Communications Committee – Carolyn Dobbs and Susan Hekman

No report

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

The Nominations Committee has sourced eight candidates for the next vestry term. They are listed below.

Sara Beall, Bill Davies, Harry Ekholm, Jody Gittiban, Doug Hosea, Sean Sparkman, Jim Swann, Stephen Vinson

The committee is in the process of gathering biographical information to include in the January Legate and in the program for the Annual Parish Meeting. Fr. Matkin is taking photographs for inclusion as well.

Secretaries Report – Fr. Matkin

- Average Sunday attendance for 2006 YTD: 330
- Transfers in: 4
- Baptisms: 3
- Marriages: 0
- Transfers out: 4
- Births: 0
- Deaths: 0

Old Business

- 1) Capital Funds Drive – the senior warden is in the process of contracting with RSI to conduct a parish assessment to determine if St. Alban's should undertake a capital funds drive.
- 2) 4th Street Property – the UT real estate office has contacted our realtor about a potential offer.
- 3) Victory Fund and Mortgage payments as debt reduction
Tim Cox moved that we close the LAND fund and place those funds back into the undesignated funds. Jim Rhea seconded. All approved.
Victory Fund – Finance Committee moved that we reduce the fund by the amount of expenses the church has incurred since these expenses satisfy the conditions of the fund. Tim Cox seconded. All approved.
- 4) Diocesan Policy—deadline is Dec. not Oct.

New Business

- 1) First Draft of Budget 2007 – the vestry agreed to cut 10% from the 2007 budget and review again next month.
- 2) Other

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Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Fr. Kresowaty closed with prayer at 10:26.

Respectfully submitted by,

Carolyn Dobbs