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In attendance: Fr. Kresowaty, Steve Altman, John Banks, Tim Cox, Jody Gittiban, Susan Hekman, Ron Horton, Sara Beall, Kathy Jones, Stephen Vinson, Jim Swann, Peggy Pate

Absent: Darrell Glidewell (traveling on business)

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

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the October vestry meeting were approved via email.

Rector's Report

- Fr. Kresowaty gave a talk at Camp Crucis for St. Peter and St. Paul's Men's Retreat on "My Place in the World" which was well received.
- The Delegates, Fr. Matkin and Fr. Kresowaty attended a Deanery Meeting at St. Lawrence in October. This was a meeting for questions, not discussion on the proposed changes to the Constitution of the Diocese. Fr. Kresowaty will be holding a forum to inform the Parish what happened at Diocesan Convention this Sunday, 11/18 at 9:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall.
- Prayers were said this evening for the Church, the Diocese, our Parish, and the Diocesan Convention. Fr. Kresowaty asked that the vestry continually hold these up in prayer during these most difficult times. Diocesan Convention is this Friday and Saturday. There will be no Saturday Eucharist.
- The Dental Plan the clergy are on is going up 29%. The Diocese will be searching for alternatives to the current plan.
- The future of medical insurance for the clergy looks dismal. Most likely clergy will slowly move to a medical savings plan with a kind of supplemental insurance.
- November 4th, All Saints' Sunday included six baptisms at the Eucharist and then the All Parish Event was just fantastic. Fr. Kresowaty again expressed gratitude to every team and the leaders who have worked so hard on the different aspects of the capital campaign.
- One outgrowth of the capital campaign is that the prayer team would like prayers for specific individuals and families to continue (obtained via cards picked out of the basket at services) for all year. There are more cards available.
- Kountry Kitchen was held Monday November 5th through Friday the 9th. This was the first year in a long time we did not have the support of the School. The Bookstore was pleased with their turnout and sales. Fr. Kresowaty thanked Ginger Capaccioli and all her volunteers for the wonderful job they did and the bookstore volunteers for all their hard work.
- The Bishop's Visitation went very well. There were 11 confirmed, 1 received, 1 renewing of baptismal vows and 3 baptisms. The Bishop's Discretionary Fund received over \$300.00. The reception for those being baptized and confirmed was well attended.
- Children will be having their first communion this Sunday. There are 7 young ones and there will be a reception in room 8 at 9:15. The crosses they will receive at the Altar were hand made by Mitzi DeShone's father and Fr. Kresowaty thanked him for all his hard work.

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- Fr. Kresowaty handed out the wish list that the Parish ranked for the capital Campaign and called attention to several of the items ranked that included several things in them. Fr. Kresowaty asked that the Development Committee obtain 3 bids for the first items and report back next month.
- The finance committee needs to meet with the Treasurer and Fr. Kresowaty to go over what new budget items are needed and how the discretionary funds are to be handled. The committee needs names for a treasurer to give Nick a well deserved rest. Fr. Kresowaty commended Nick for all his attention and hard work.
- A youth director has not yet been hired. Seeing that our line of credit is almost maxed out and attendance and giving are not up for the month, it is not justifiable to hire someone and then have to let them go if the budget will not support it. The vestry agreed to wait until next month and see what the new budget will be.
- Brian Picard has asked to continue living in the Canterbury House. The vestry agreed that this is acceptable until January 5th.

Newcomer's Report

Seven newcomers attended the monthly luncheon and all have either transferred their membership, or been baptized or confirmed. Newcomers are coming from all age groups and are already active in numerous ministries.

Events – Fr. Matkin

NOVEMBER

- 1 **All Saints' Day**, 6:30am
- 2 **All Souls' Day**, 6:30am, 6:30pm
- 4 **All Parish Event**
- 5-9 **Kountry Kitchen**
- 11 **Bishop's Visitation**
- 13 Legate due
- 16-17 Diocesan Convention
- 18 First Communion
- 21 **Thanksgiving Eve**, 7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER

- 2 **Lessons and Carols, 5:30pm and Dinner** (visit by St Nicholas)
- 8 **Open House** at the Wheaton's 4-8:00 p.m.
- 13 Legate due
- 16 Advent Project
- 23 **Carol Singing**
- 24 **Christmas Eve**, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30
- 25 **Christmas Day**, 10:00 a.m.

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JANUARY

6 Epiphany, Campaign Celebration

13 Legate due

20 Annual Parish Meeting*

(Annual Parish Meeting has been changed to January 27)

Lent begins in February

Ash Wednesday is February 6th

Bold type indicates a parish-wide event

Underlined items are Capital Campaign-related.

Worship Committee – Tim Cox, Peggy Pate, Steve Vinson

- Two parishioners have been trained and tested to be Eucharistic Ministers: Edward Maneikis and Ethel Momah. The endorsement of the vestry was provided by unanimous approval via email. The Senior Warden will now certify that they have been approved and endorsed by the vestry to be Eucharistic Ministers to this congregation by her signature on the application form.
- The usher ministry is running well.

Christian Education – Sara Beall, Jim Swann

- Early/First Communion will be celebrated Sunday, November 18. Many thanks to Mitzi Deshone and Ginger Capaccioli for their dedication to these children and this learning.
- Sara Beall, Staci Kino, Athena Seaton and Susie Wheaton attended a 5.5 hour Christian Education continuing education course on Saturday, November 10. It was beneficial and practical for use at SAEC.
- Saturday, December 8th, the Fort Worth Diocesan Christian Education Commission with the Bishop will offer to laity, church leaders and clergy a great course presented by author, Rob Rienow, Visionary Parenting, at St. Johns in Fort Worth. The afternoon session is geared for leaders and clergy on God's vision for the home.
- On November 25, our children's classes will be combined to have a Children's Thanksgiving Extravaganza at 9:15 a.m. in Parish Hall. All visitors will be welcome. Prayer, praise, story and craft will be included.
- Plans for an Advent/Christmas pageant are tentative, as we have someone interested in leading this ministry. We need to ask parents if they are committed to bringing their children for rehearsals.

Youth Ministry – Peggy Pate, Darrell Glidewell, Jody Gittiban

No report.

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Pastoral Care – Peggy Pate, Darrell Glidewell, Jody Gittiban

No report.

Outreach and Mission – Peggy Pate, Darrell Glidewell, Jody Gittiban

- Lay Eucharistic Visitors continue to be active.
- Order of St. Luke will be meeting on Saturday, December 17 at 9:00 a.m. to complete their study of the book “Where is God When it Hurts?” and make plans for their next study. Visitors are always welcome.

Treasurer’s Report – Nick Garefalos, John Banks

- Comprehensive financial reports were unavailable at the time of the vestry meeting.
- The line of credit was renewed for \$75,000. Efforts are underway to increase this line to \$100,000.00.
- In October, the vestry approved a temporary borrowing from the Money Market (restricted funds account) for \$20,000. This amount has since been repaid from the Line of Credit.

Stewardship Committee – Stephen Vinson, Jim Swann

- The November meeting was cancelled to avoid conflict with the Vestry meeting.
- According to the Financial Administrator, as of November 4, 130 pledges have been received, 36 of which indicate an increase over last year’s pledge. Only six pledges were decreased. At this time last year, we had received 95 pledges.
- The committee members have completed writing Thank You notes to these 130 who have pledged to the Capital Campaign, the annual stewardship drive, or both, and will meet as needed to write additional notes as the pledges continue to come in.
- There is no regular meeting planned for December 2007.

Junior Warden’s Report – Tim Cox

Everything is running well.

Communications Committee – Sara Beall

Eight people on the Response Team contacted 234 homes to ask about pledging for 2008.

Chancellor’s Report — Chris Troutt

Chris Troutt has written letters to three credit unions to ensure that there is no additional confusion of entities with the school.

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Development Committee Report – Steve Altman, John Banks, Darrell Glidewell

- The Capital Campaign Account has received \$175,094.59 in donations.
- The sum of expenses for the Capital Campaign to date is \$55,221.13.
- The outstanding expenses are approximately \$20,100 and include two payments to RSI and a final payment toward expenses for the All Church dinner.
- The Development Committee will submit a Request for Proposal on the refurbishment of the sanctuary air conditioning and heating for the vestry to review in December.

Nominations & Personnel – Jody Gittiban

The candidates for 2008 Vestry elections are:

Doug Hosea
Rick Coombs
Bob Yarger
Jim Ray
Sheryl Fritz
Amy Wagoner
Jan Eden

Their pictures and biographies will be printed in the December Legate.

- The Nominations and Personnel Committee has contacted all current delegates to diocesan convention and all are willing to continue to serve.
- The committee will also contact current alternate delegates to determine their willingness to serve.
- The parish will vote on delegates in the annual parish meeting in January.

Secretaries Report – Fr. Matkin

- Average Sunday attendance for 2007 YTD: 299
- Transfers in: 1
- Baptisms: 3
- Marriages: 0
- Transfers out: 0
- Births: 0
- Deaths: 0

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Old Business

- 1) Capital Funds Drive / All Parish Event November 4, 2007 – see Development report.
- 2) Youth Minister – see Rector's report.
- 3) Mineral Rights – John Banks reported that the church could be offered the same deal as the surrounding residences. Once the deed search is complete, the church will likely execute a 3-year contract. An attorney will review the contract prior to execution. Note: UTA has retained the mineral rights to some property that is now owned by the church.
- 4) Marsee Garden – no report.
- 5) Defibrillators- these have not yet been received.

New Business

- 1) Pledges for 2008 – see Stewardship Committee report.
- 2) Budget Forms – these are needed from all ministries.
- 3) Credit Letters—Sr. Warden has copy if you wish to examine them
- 4) The Annual Parish Meeting will be January 20th.
- 5) Other – Steve Altman was recognized for his leadership in the Capital Campaign.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Fr. Kresowaty closed with prayer at 8:47.

Respectfully submitted by,

Carolyn Dobbs