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In attendance: Fr. Kresowaty, Steve Altman, Darrell Glidewell, Susan Hekman, Ron Horton, Sara Beall, Kathy Jones, Stephen Vinson, Jim Swann, Peggy Pate, Nick Garefalos, Fr. Matkin

Absent: John Banks, Tim Cox, Jody Gittiban

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

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the November vestry meeting were approved via email.

Rector's Report

- Father Kresowaty introduced Bill Richardson to address the preliminary budget for 2008.
- Ministry leaders and Pat Sparks have provided input to the preliminary budget.
- The budget data includes a projected pledge and plate receipts amount based on the historic run rate of giving.
- Projected utility bill amounts are not modified for potential cost savings related to new heating and air conditioning systems.
- The vestry agreed to continue spending at current rates until the budget is finalized. A special vestry meeting will be needed to arrive at a final budget.

Newcomer's Report

No report.

Events – Fr. Matkin

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
- 16 **Christmas Pageant**
- 24 **Christmas Eve**, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30
- 25 **Christmas Day**, 10:00 a.m.
(Office closed Dec. 24-Jan1)

JANUARY

- 6 **Epiphany Party, Campaign Celebration**
- 13 **Holy Baptism, Sunday School Resumes**
- 13 Legate due
- 21-24 Diocesan clergy annual silent retreat at Montserrat
- 27 **Annual Parish Meeting at 10:30 (one mass at 9 a.m.)**

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FEBRUARY

5 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper with Jazz Band

6 Ash Wednesday

9 Altar/Flower Guild Luncheon

12 Ulster Project

13 Legate due

13 Wednesdays in Lent

20 Wednesdays in Lent

27 Wednesdays in Lent

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

The Flower Guild needs help right after church on Sunday to prepare for Christmas Eve services.

Christian Education – Sara Beall, Jim Swann

- Staci Kino and Athena Seaton directed a children's Christmas pageant during the 10:30am service on 12/16. Staci has an interest in doing an Easter Pageant in March.
- SAEC had six attendees at the Visionary Parenting conference.
- Christian Education classes will break until January 6th at which time all classes and parish members will gather in the Parish Hall for an Epiphany celebration. Regular classes will meet Jan 13th and 20th. There will be children's activities during the Annual Meeting at 10:30am on Jan. 27th.
- Fr. Matkin will teach January - May on The Apocrypha. Sue Yarger, Bev Haagen and Heather Haagen will teach the parenting class on adolescent development/the brain.
- Looking ahead to Lent: We will have a Wednesday Nights in Lent program. In an effort to be family and parish friendly, the evening schedule will be as follows:
 - 5:45-6:30pm Evening Prayer/HE
 - 5:45-6:15pm Cherub Choir
 - 6:15-7pm Music Makers
 - 6:15-7pm Dinner in Parish Hall
 - 7-7:30pm Children's Activity and Adult Visiting Speakers
 - 7:35pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
- Our adult study will be a look at 'Unknown Characters of the Passion' with Fr. Lee Nelson, Fr. Chuck Hough, Fr. Joshua Whitfield and others. More information will be in Sunday bulletins.

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Youth Ministry – Peggy Pate, Darrell Glidewell, Jody Gittiban

Jinni Touchstone has continued the tradition with Pearlie at Thanksgiving. She also held a Christmas card party for youth to send cards to those in the military.

Pastoral Care – Peggy Pate, Darrell Glidewell, Jody Gittiban

Order of St. Luke reports all is going well in their ministry.

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

- The Elder Care series was well received, although not well attended.
- There will be another Financial Peace University in February.
- Fr. Matkin has been leading the Canterbury Ministry with students from UTA. Everyone is invited to attend a Bible study on Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

Treasurer's Report – Nick Garefalos, John Banks

- Pledge and Plate income for November was \$44,737.25. When corrected for annual prepaid pledges totaled \$45,383.91, well above the budgeted amount of \$38,866.00.
- November expenses were \$57,252.34, above the budgeted amount of \$53,834.00.
- 2007 audit is schedule for March 11-12, 2008.
- Darrel Glidewell moved that the church maintain in reserve \$10,000 for the encumbered fund of the existing columbarium niches and donate the remaining balance of \$5,585.53 to the Marsee Memorial Garden fund for construction. Peggy Pate seconded. All approved.

Stewardship Committee – Stephen Vinson, Jim Swann

- The most recent update on Stewardship shows 166 pledges for \$458,826 to the Operating account. This includes 22 new pledges for 2008.
- After the 8th week last year, we had received 169 pledges for \$426,910.
- Thirty percent of renewed pledges showed an increase in giving, while 65 percent maintained their pledging level of 2007.
- There have been three additional pledges to the Capital Campaign this month. Each person who has pledged to either the general operating fund, the Capital Campaign, or both has been sent a personal thank-you note.

Junior Warden's Report – Tim Cox

- The Junior Warden is currently taking bids to paint the outside of the facility.
- There is a major plumbing problem in the men's restroom next to parish hall. The lines need to be cleaned.

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Communications Committee – Sara Beall

No report.

Chancellor's Report — Chris Troutt

No report.

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

The Development Committee will develop its own Request for Proposal as the diocese does not have a standard document.

Nominations & Personnel – Jody Gittiban

The following are candidates for Delegate in January 2008:

Keith Allen
Rilla Altman
Monica Brown
Ben Doerge
Suzanne Franke
Jack Kenny
Joe Lundy
Betty Meek
Paul Nelson
Randy Sparks
Esther Stolley
Don Wheaton
Robert White
Susan Yarger

Their names will appear in the January Legate.

Secretaries Report – Fr. Matkin

- Average Sunday attendance for 2007 YTD: 296
- Transfers in: 1
- Baptisms: 0
- Marriages: 0
- Transfers out: 0
- Births: 0
- Deaths: 4

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Old Business

- 1) Capital Funds Drive/ Announcement Sunday, January 6, 2008 – there will be a celebration at the Epiphany Party in the parish hall announcing the progress in the Capital Campaign.
- 2) Youth Minister/ No Action
- 3) Mineral Rights/ still pending a contract
- 4) Marsee Garden/ Columbarium Funds - The Development Committee recommended to the vestry that Judy Marsee be allowed to request a contract for phases I and II of the Marsee Memorial Garden for consideration by the vestry. Construction will be contingent upon approval from the diocese and coordination with other construction in that area of the church grounds.
- 5) Defibrillators/ Pending Donor Action

New Business

- 1) Pledges for 2008 update – see Stewardship Report
- 2) 2008 Preliminary Budget Report – see Rector's report
- 3) Safety Precautions/ Hand Radios were bought/ Possibility of cameras in the church building to protect the staff
- 4) Annual Reports for ministries are due to Sharon Fielder by January 21, 2008.
- 5) 2008 Resolutions for Clergy Housing. Steve Altman moved that the vestry approve \$23,780.00 housing allowance for Fr. Matkin for 2008. Susan Hekman seconded. All approved. Susan Hekman moved that the vestry approve \$40,000.00 for housing allowance for Fr. Kresowaty. Peggy Pate seconded. All approved.
- 6) Annual Meeting date changed to January 27th
- 7) The diocese is requiring that the portion of the diocesan assessment that goes to TEC to be a set percentage each month based on budgeted income vs. a monthly fluctuation due to variance in pledge and plate income.
- 8) Other – a parishioner has sent a written request for an additional expenditure for the Capital Campaign. This was referred to the Development Committee.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Fr. Kresowaty closed with prayer at 10:14.

Respectfully submitted by,

Carolyn Dobbs