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In attendance: Fr. Kresowaty, Jody Gittiban, Doug Hosea, Sara Beall, Sue Hogg, Richard Stolley, Sheryl Fritz, Jim Swann, Ty Head, Stephen Vinson, Bob Yarger,

Absent: Jim Ray, Rick Coombs

Also attending: Susan Kennemer-Clerk; Fr. Duncan-Curate

Fr. Kresowaty called the meeting to order with prayer at 7:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the December Vestry meeting were approved via email.

Rector's Report

- We had a wonderful open house at the home of Cleil and Kathleen Harral. Toys were collected and delivered to Union Gospel Mission.
- Christmas services were beautiful but attendance and income suffered because of the storm that night.
- Thank you to the children and Vicki Keller for the Christmas pageant on the Second Sunday of Christmas, and to Monica and her helpers for the pre-Epiphany Feast following the pageant.
- We have had three baptisms and two deaths recently.
- Pledge cards are slow to come in. When several people were contacted, they thought they had already turned them in.
- Lent is coming very quickly. Ash Wednesday will be February 17 with three services at 7am, 12 noon and 7pm. On February 16 we will have our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper hosted by our Boy Scout Troop 82. Jon Stutler's Rassamjazz Band will play again.
- Lenten Programs are set with various meatless suppers followed by a concert.
 - Feb 26 – Dr. John C Seeholtz, baritone, and Chris Reed, piano.
 - March 5 – Jody Hill and Katrina Burggrat-Kledas with String Quartet
 - March 12 – Service of Compline with a group of 16 men, mostly graduate students from UNT.
 - March 19 – possible Brass Quintet
 - March 26 – Visa Wind Quartet

A motion was made by Sara Beall, seconded by Richard Stolley to pay \$3,000 for the Lenten musicians. The motion passed unanimously.

- The freezing weather did some damage to the property. There was a broken water pipe in the playground. A shut off valve will be installed to prevent this happening again.
- A high water bill at Canterbury House led to the discovery of the problem of a bathroom leak which will involve extensive repairs not only to the Canterbury House plumbing but also to the sewer lines. It is estimated it will take two weeks to repair. Exact costs are not known at this time. The Boy Scouts have their Pine Derby at the church and Canterbury is still on winter break, so there is a short time now when the building is not in use.
- Two heating units went out. (See the motion in the Junior Warden's Report.)
- Sara Beall, Jim Swann, Stephen Vinson and Jody Gittiban were thanked for their service and dedication to the Vestry and the parish. They will be retiring from the Vestry as of the upcoming Annual parish Meeting.
- Returning Vestry members were reminded there will be a short meeting in room 10 right after the Annual Parish Meeting. At this time we will appoint the Clerk, Treasurer, and elect a Junior

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

Income:

Full year 2009 giving was \$25,700 favorable to budget.

Expenses:

Year-to-date total expenses are \$78,200 favorable, mainly due to clergy staff reduction, favorable cost of utilities and to ministry under-spending/donations.

Other budget comments:

We have not had to borrow from our line of credit this year and continue to make excellent progress on the deficit.

Dedicated Funds and Accounts, Key Receipts and Expenditures

Dedicated Funds received \$77,100 in December. Expenditures in December were for the Organ Fund (to Ross King), Memorial Garden (final payment to the contractor) and Special Offerings

Mortgage Refinancing and Line of Credit Extension Update

Compass Bank extended our line of credit for 2010. Papers were signed off by both parties last week. We have not had to borrow from the line of credit in 2009. The Vestry agreed unanimously to go forward with loan applications with Frost Bank for refinancing plans. Bill Richardson will start this process.

2010 Budget Status and Update

Bill presented the 2010 Budget.

A motion was made by Bob Yarger, seconded by Sue Hogg, to make adjustments to some budgeted expenditures to reflect proposed refinance savings of approximately \$9,000. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Bob Yarger, seconded by Sheryl Fritz to reduce expenditures for Program to \$40,000. The motion passed unanimously. Bill will make the necessary adjustments to the line items.

A motion was made by Doug Hosea, seconded by Bob Yarger, to accept the 2010 Budget with the proposed adjustments. The motion passed unanimously.

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

No report.

Events

Bold type indicates parish-wide event

January 2010

- 1 **New Years Day**
- 2 Christmas pageant rehearsal, 10:00-Noon
- 3 **Christmas Pageant at 10:30 service & Pre-Epiphany Party after the service in Parish Hall**
- 10 **Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ**
- 20 Holy Hour, 6:00pm

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- 24 **Annual Parish Meeting, 10:30am – Parish Hall**
25-28 Clergy Retreat

February 2010

- 6 Altar/Flower Guild luncheon
11 Cursillo #281
16 **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 6:00pm Parish Hall**
17 **Ash Wednesday – services at 7:00am, 12 noon and 7:00pm**
26 **Lenten dinner, 6:30pm Parish Hall/Music Concert, 7:30pm Church**

March 2010

- 5 **Lenten dinner, 6:30pm Parish Hall/Music Concert, 7:30pm Church**
12 **Lenten dinner, 6:30pm Parish Hall/ Music Concert, 7:30pm Church**
17 Holy Hour, 6:00pm
19 **Lenten dinner, 6:30pm Parish Hall/ Music Concert, 7:30pm Church (Feast of Saint Joseph)**
26 **Lenten dinner, 6:30pm Parish Hall/ Music Concert, 7:30pm Church**
28 **Palm Sunday**
29 **Monday in Holy Week, HE service at 6:00pm**
30 **Tuesday in Holy Week, HE service at 6:00pm**
31 **Wednesday in Holy Week, HE service at 6:00pm**

Worship Committee – Jim Ray, Steve Vinson, Richard Stolley

Worship Committee:

Lay Readers/Chalice Ministers: The group is functioning well, with several new members participating. We do have several vestments that need to be replaced, so some budget will have to be used this year. A joint training session with all the LEMs and Acolytes has been proposed to reinforce our roles and tasks at the altar.

Ushers/Oblationers: John Berry reports that all is going smoothly with the group and he needs no Vestry action at this time.

OSL: The Order of St. Luke continues its monthly study session on the third Saturday of the month at 9:00am. Once again, they currently do not need any Vestry action.

Flower Guild

Marge Roesler reports that things are going well for the flower guild. They have just about the right number of people to serve and they have the money needed to do their jobs, thanks to the generosity of the people of St. Alban's Parish. She repeated her thanks for the people of St. Alban's and their willingness to support the flower guild.

Children's Liturgy

Richard Stolley spoke with Rebecca Brown and she said that the program was doing well with the new pews and it is really feeling like "our" church by the reactions of some of our youngest parishioners. One thing to consider is to limit attendance by age to the Youth Service. So far, children four years or older have meaningfully participated in this service. Younger than this, the child would fare better in the Nursery School environment.

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Organist, Director of St. Alban's Bell Choirs - From Dorinda White:

Dorinda was concerned as to the adequacy of the lighting and the excessively warm temperatures in the loft despite the improvements that were made. If there is anything the Vestry could do, she would appreciate it.

Youth Choirs - From Vicky Keller:

The significant problem is the lack of younger children. Most of the truly active singers have left the parish along with their families. She has already mentioned this concern to the clergy.

Christian Education – Sara Beall, Sue Hogg, Jim Ray

This report is from Susie Wheaton, Christian Education Director.

- Our faithful volunteers and students have had great lessons since the new year began. We had 3 visitors on January 17th, for whom we are very thankful! The more the merrier!
- The four elementary teachers have combined their classes and are now rotating the teaching schedule for 1st-6th grades.
- We sent postcards prior to January 3rd to say that 'we miss you' to our 'absent' children and youth. We actually had two of those come the following week. Please continue to pray for more of our families to bring their children and youth to participate in our Sunday morning program. Our hope is that the fellowship and prepared lessons help others come to know the Lord and offer support in their life in Christ
- The Diocesan Christian Education Commission hopes that all parishes offer the 9 week 'Visionary Parenting' course prior to the July 6th-9th Family Camp to be held at Camp Crucis. Our SAEC parents will be contacted this month to find out what would be the best meeting day/time to hold a VP course at St. Alban's with plans to invite other parishes.
- "Friday Nights in Lent" will offer intergenerational fellowship during Lenten suppers, followed by a Lenten concert series.
- Many thanks to our outgoing CE liaison, Sara Beall, for her loving support and devotion to the Lord, for her love for SAEC and passing on the faith, sharing her personal faith in Christ with our children and families and co leaders in ministry.

Youth Ministry - Fr. Duncan

Teenage Youth Group

Last Month our teens had a wonderful trip down to Cleburne to work at Holy Comforter Parish. We received a thank-you card from the Rector and Vestry and I know many in the parish were grateful for our work. Our trip included several fun activities, such as a trip to see *Avatar* and a trip to Fossil Rim Wildlife Park.

Our Teenage Youth Group will resume its regular meeting this Sunday night from 6:30pm to 8:15pm. At our teens request, during Lent we will be doing a DVD study of the Book of Revelation, designed for teens, entitled *T3-Revelation: The Lion & The Lamb*. This four-part study will take us through the many important lessons in the Book of Revelation for Christian teens today. We'll kick off this discussion-study on Sunday, February 21st.

Junior Youth Group (ages 8-12)

Last month our Junior Youth Group had a great trip returning to Arlington Villa to sing Christmas carols to the residents. We ended our evening with hot chocolate and a ride through the

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Christmas Lights at Interlochen. The residents and staff at Arlington Villa were very appreciative of our singing and smiling faces, and everyone had a wonderful time. I'd like to especially thank Thomas Rinn for helping us organize the event and leading our singing.

Our Junior Youth Group also started this year off strong with a night of food, games, and fun at our "Back to School Lock-in" on Friday, January 8th. The Junior Youth Group will meet again, this month, on Sunday, January 31st at 12:15pm.

Caritas (20s and 30s Ministry)

Upcoming Events:

- February Meeting – Friday, February 12th (*tentative*)

Canterbury Association

Last month our Canterbury Association ended the Semester with a trip to Ole' South Pancake House in Fort Worth for Breakfast. This Semester the Canterbury Association will continue its Breakfast/Book-study of Hahn's *Lamb's Supper*, on Wednesdays at 8:00am, beginning, January 27th.

Pastoral Care – Richard Stolley, Sue Hogg

Keith Higham reports Lay Eucharistic Visitors and Hospital Visitors are doing well.

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

Arlington Night Shelter

We served dinner on January 16 for 100 people along with making 100 lunches for January 17. Gloria is looking for volunteers to help make dinners on a rotating basis if anyone is interested in helping.

Sowing Seeds

In December and January Sowing Seeds helped Marsha and Jacob Neal with their list of to-do items prior to the arrival of their new baby.

In February Sowing Seeds is invited to participate in Brotherhood of Saint Andrew (BOSA) meeting. We are still planning on bringing the Sowing Seeds under the leadership of BOSA as the serving leg of this ministry. Rick Coombs will most likely stay as the interim director of sowing seeds till the next election for new officers probably another 6 months or so.

Prayers & Squares

This weekend we tied our seventh quilt from the Prayers & Squares quilt ministry since it began at Rally Day 2009. We are very thankful for the growing response from the parish when a quilt is available to be tied for someone needing prayers. The volunteers making these quilts hope the knowledge of their availability is spreading. Forms to request a prayer quilt are available in the narthex. Also we began making "prayer squares" to be taken on hospital visits and to shut-ins and hope to expand this during this year to include those serving overseas in the Armed Forces.

Ultreya Report

St. Alban's Ultreya has continued to meet and to support the Cursillo weekend held by the renewal center. We have had a total of five parish members make their Cursillo this past year and we have had nine members of our Ultreya participate as team members. One of our members, Paul Nelson, has just retired from the Secretariat (the governing board) and Pete Haagen has just accepted a position on the Secretariat. St. Alban's Ultreya is sponsoring the Seder Dinner to be held in the parish hall on Maundy

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Thursday, April 1, at 6 PM. The ticket will go on sale in the narthex on Sunday mornings during Lent for \$15.00. The proceeds will be used to support needs and projects of St. Alban's parish as well as for scholarships for those who wish to attend Cursillo. Please help us encourage people to attend the Seder Dinner. It would be a wonderful way to deepen the experience of Holy Week here at St. Alban's. Please join us!

Bookstore and Gift Shop: Laura Lace

The Bookstore is chugging along. Thanks to those who made Christmas purchases! We have just come from the annual January Market trip to Dallas. We are restocking and add some exciting new things. Please notice that we will be open during the upcoming Friday night Lenten series and for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. As always we always can use some more help. While we have 10 volunteers, only 5 are able to work regularly. During normal weeks the bookstore is opened for 15 hours.

Stewardship Committee – Stephen Vinson, Jim Swann, Sheryl Fritz

The group continues to write thank you notes for each pledge received. After the 12th week of the program, 134 pledges have been received, totaling \$443, 857. Fifty-two givers have increased their pledge from last year, and another fifty-six were able to maintain their pledge at the same level as for 2009. These 108 pledges account for approximately 90 percent of the total. After 12 weeks last year, we had received 153 pledges for \$472,165. This year's total includes nine first-time pledges.

Junior Warden's Report – Doug Hosea

- Nasser Gittiban, Ty Head, Jim Swann and Doug Hosea moved the remainder of the dirt pile in the parking lot to a dirt pile at Jodi and Nasser Gittiban's house.
- We had an \$800 water bill at Canterbury House, which indicated a leak that we found underneath the house under one of the bathrooms. This uncovered a more significant problem of corrosion of both the water and sewer lines under the house. We should have a proposal by Friday, January 22 for the replacement costs associated with this issue.
- During the extended spell of cold weather, the new water line outside the bookstore froze and shattered. The plumber who installed the line met me at the church promptly and we were able to shut off the water supply to that line. All of the PVC pipe will have to be replaced and that will get done in the near future.
- The AC/Heat units above room 13 and the nursery both have cracked Heat exchangers. The units are quite old and any parts would have to be custom fabricated, which would cost as much as replacing the units. Ty Head has submitted a proposal to replace both units at a cost of \$11,637.00

A motion was made by Sue Hogg, Seconded by Doug Hosea to approve the expenditure of \$11,637 to replace the ac/heating units in the nursery and room 13, with funds to come from the Capital Campaign funds. The motion passed unanimously.

- City of Arlington informed us that a couple of our trees on the North side of the church were in violation of a city ordinance requiring all overhanging limbs to be at least 14 feet above the street surface.
- We will be renting a small bobcat front end loader to fill in the ditch running along the north side of the church. Unspent designated funds for the project will be used to rent the bobcat.

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Communications Committee – Sara Beall, Jim Ray

The Communication committee has not met this month. Jim Ray is getting proposals from two sign companies to update our signs. The new St. Alban's website is still in the process of being designed by Todd Advertising. The current website is being frequently updated so that the information is current. A new website calendar is being designed because the previous calendar is no longer usable.

Signage:

- The existing sign just south of the entrance to the property is to be replaced; it is faded and has the old ECUSA logo. I have given Randy from the sign company a copy of the logo of the new province, and that will be incorporated in the design of the new sign.
- Just about all of the "One Way" signs are in poor shape and will be replaced.
- A sign near the main entrance to the church needs to be moved or replaced; it is presently almost invisible.
- One of the signs indicating the Bookstore/Gift Shop will be replaced.
- Inside, the signage is much better, lacking only three or four signs, at strategic points giving directions to the Church Office.

Development Committee – Doug Hosea, Sheryl Fritz, Ty Head

Capital Campaign Finances

Current Balance	\$322,914
Current obligations	\$0
Forward Balance	\$322,914

Altar Guild Sacristy

Tim Cox of the Development Committee has been meeting with Janie Lundy of the Altar Guild to establish the design requirements for refurbishing the Altar Guild Sacristy. We have two contractors set to submit bids for the project.

Projects with no progress

- Choir Loft risers
- Parish Hall

Nominations & Personnel – Jody Gittiban, Sheryl Fritz

No Report.

Secretaries Report

- Average Sunday attendance for 2009 YTD: 246
- Transfers in: 0
- Baptisms: 3
- Marriages: 0
- Transfers out: 0
- Births: 0
- Deaths: 2

Old Business

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New Church Directory: Richard Stolley

I spoke with Mr. Sky-Eagle from Life Touch this evening. The best time to schedule the shoot is the split-scheduling of February 9-13 and February 23-27 (Tuesday through Saturday). They request a list of parishioners' names and their phone numbers from the Church Office. He also suggested that Fr. Kresowaty should record a 30-40 second phone spot that would be sent out automatically, encouraging them to participate and to let them know that they would be receiving a call from Life Touch with a 419 area code. Additionally, if they can get an email list, an email would be sent from Life Touch with a link to ON-LINE Scheduling. It provides the quickest and easiest method for making an appointment for a sitting.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Fr. Kresowaty closed with a blessing at 10:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan W. Kennemer
Vestry Clerk

Next meeting of the Vestry will be on February 24, 2010 at 7:00 pm in Room 10.