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In attendance: Fr. Kresowaty, Carolyn Dobbs, Darrell Glidewell, Jim Rhea, Susan Hekman, Diane Hartley, Kathy Jones, Peggy Pate, John Banks, Ron Horton, Tim Cox, Chris Troutt, Fr. Matkin

Absent: Steve Altman, Wendell Rosales

Fr. Kresowaty called meeting to order with prayer at 7:04.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the August Vestry meeting have been approved and posted.

**Rector's Report**

- Christian Educations has started and appears to have greater attendance at the present.
- Stewardship will have its kick-off event this Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- The Nomination Committee for the Vestry has composed their preliminary list.
- The sessions with the parents and youth of our parish were well attended and seem to be going in a good direction.
- 14 people are in the Confirmation/Reception Class with about 10 who are preparing to become confirmed members of the Church.
- We had an exceptional workday around the parish, thanks to our Junior Warden and a host of volunteers.
- John Doshier has printed the Contemporary Eucharist Mass Music and will be placing them in our pew racks.
- Special thanks to Nassar Gittiban and Rick Coombs for their help in moving my mother's things from Weatherford to Arlington.
- Fr. Kresowaty will be undergoing hernia surgery on October 10<sup>th</sup> and will out of commission for 7 to 10 days.
- Now that the Diocese will no longer be a clearinghouse for the portion of the assessment that is sent to the National Headquarters of The Episcopal Church (TEC), the Parish will be responsible for any funds distributed to the National Headquarters of TEC.
- There is some concern in the Parish that the Diocese is removing itself from the province 7 in order to be aligned with a new province. Unlike the provinces in the Anglican Communion, the provinces in America have no authority to require dioceses to do anything. Dioceses in America must give their consent to being part of the provinces of the American Church, which are for ministry, program, and carrying out any directives given to it by General Convention. A list of the delegates to diocesan convention will be made available so that parishioners who would like to express their opinion to them may contact the delegates directly.

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**Newcomers – Diane Hartley and Peggy Pate**

- The Newcomers Committee held a lunch meeting on Sept. 17.
- Year- to- date statistics:
  - Newcomers greeted - 51
  - Newcomers taken to lunch - 39
  - Newcomers regularly attending – 38
  - Newcomers joined – 17
  - Newcomers in Inquirers/Confirmation – 14
  - Most rapidly growing age group - 20s-30s
- Two letters were sent recently: one for Episcopalians and one for non-Episcopalians. Both were urging them to join via transfer of letter or by confirmation or reception. The results of the letters were: 10 transfers to date and several promised and a full Inquiries\_ class.
- Bridge to Membership Committee has 36 active members from St. Alban\_s and gets rave reviews from our Newcomers when implemented properly.
- Fr. Matkin will conduct a Walk-A-Bout tour on Oct 22 and Oct 29. There will be sign-up sheets in the Narthex and appropriate announcements will be given. Newcomer team members volunteered to be docents for the tours if needed. They will use a script provided by Fr. Matkin.

**Events – Fr. Matkin**

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**SEPTEMBER**

2 Simpson/Glidewell Wedding

4 Labor Day (church office closed)

6 ***Family Night – Ice Cream Social***

8 Girl Scout Lock-in

10 ***Blood Drive at SAEC***

16 ***Parish Work Day***

18-22 SSC Annual Synod at St. Vincent's in Bedford

23 Ordination of Jon Jenkins to priesthood at St. Peter & Paul, Arlington

24 Storyteller Brian "Fox" Ellis

30 ***Stewardship Wine & Cheese Event in Parish Hall***

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**OCTOBER**

**4 *Family Night – St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals***  
14 ECW Fall Congress  
17 Eastern Deanery Meeting  
**22 *Walk-a-bout Tour of Church***  
**29 *Walk-a-bout Tour of Church***

**NOVEMBER**

**1 *Family Night / All Saints' Day***  
**2 *All Souls' Day***  
**7-10 *Kountry Kitchen***  
11 Auction at SAES  
**12 *Bishop's Visitation at SAEC***  
17-18 Diocesan Convention at St. Peter & Paul, Arlington  
**19 *First Communion***  
22 Thanksgiving Eve

**DECEMBER**

**2 *Quiet Day in preparation for Advent at SAEC***  
**3 *Advent Lessons and Carols – followed by dinner in the Parish Hall***  
**17 *Christmas Pageant***

**Worship Committee – Tim Cox and Peggy Pate**

The Worship Committee met in September and recommended keeping Sunday service times as they are currently scheduled. The information gathered by the committee showed no decrease in attendance at Christian Education after consolidating two primary Sunday morning services.

**Christian Education – Diane Hartley and Kathy Jones**

- No report

**Youth Ministry – Diane Hartley and Peggy Pate**

October Events for Teenagers (7th - 12th Grade):

Wednesday, October 4

**Dinner & Blessing of the Animals - Parish Event**

Wednesday, October 11 Dinner and fun (6:30 to 8:30)

Wednesday, October 18 Dinner and fun (6:30 to 8:30)

Wednesday, October 25 Trunk or Treat (Times to follow)

All teenagers at St. Alban's are invited to Get Caught Having FUN on Sunday, October 15 at a special event during the 10:30 Service!

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**Pastoral Care – Diane Hartley and Peggy Pate**

No report.

**Outreach and Mission – Diane Hartley**

Money was collected for School Children in Need. It is sent to counselors at four elementary schools: Johns, Speer, Thornton, and Webb. The next project will be the Advent Program. More information on both events is in the newly published Outreach and Mission brochure.

**School Committee Report – Jim Rhea**

- Receiving more income from rentals of property and food services.
- Annual auction is scheduled for November.
- Current enrollment is approximately 262.
- If all goes well in the 2007-2008 school year, the school will be able to make progress toward repayment of debt to the church.

**Treasurer's Report – John Banks/Wendell Rosales**

- Pledge and Plate income for August was \$37,979.72, when corrected for annual prepaid pledges totaled \$40,463.05, slightly below the budgeted amount of \$40,942.00.
- August expenses were \$55,161.91 (budgeted \$52,713.91).

**Stewardship Committee – Kathy Jones and Susan Hekman**

- 366 invitations mailed for the fall kick-off event on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in the parish hall. A special budget display outlining ministry expenditures for 2006 was presented to the Vestry by committee member Stephen Vinson. The display and accompanying handouts will be made available to parishioners at the September 30<sup>th</sup> stewardship event.
- October is official stewardship month, beginning with the first sermon on Sunday, October 3 and continuing through the Sundays in October. Each will emphasize our program theme, "God's Harvest: Giving As We Have Received" in sermon, song, special newsletter and bulletin features, a banner, and posters.
- Pledge letters/cards will be mailed out the first week in October. Pledge materials include: 4 different pledge letters; each with first name greeting, first class stamp, personal signature; 2 different pledge cards called "Indication of Giving" cards; a 2007 Time and Talent checklist; return envelope with first class stamp.
- Harvest Sundays: official in-gatherings on October 22 and October 29.
- Follow-up in November and December (1-2 reminder postcards; 1-2 reminder phone calls; thank-you notes).

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- Harvest Report on the first Sundays in November and December announcing the number of pledges received to date.
- Culminate program by “Celebration of the Harvest” at the Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, January 21, 2007

**Junior Warden's Report**

- Parish Work Day was held Saturday, September 16 with nearly 50 volunteers accomplishing the following tasks:
  - Windows cleaned
  - 2 class rooms painted
  - Parish Hall painted
  - Staples removed – parish hall, classroom halls
  - Pews cleaned and polished
  - Playground cleaned
  - Gutters cleaned
  - Carpets cleaned
  - Trees trimmed
- Other items of repair for Aug and Sept:
  - 2 toilets replaced in the Canterbury House
  - Deadbolt broken to music room – Attempted break in
  - Additional repairs to the Sanctuary AC
- Bids have been received for the AC replacement and service contract.
- Bids will be received by Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> for the cleaning contract.

**Communications Committee – Carolyn Dobbs and Susan Hekman**

The installation of the software for the parishioner database is complete and the data will now be filled in.

**Chancellor's Report – Chris Troutt**

No report

**Development Committee Report – John Banks and Darrell Glidewell**

No report

**Nominations & Personnel – Diane Hartley and Carolyn Dobbs**

The Nominations committee met on September 20 and created a list of potential vestry candidates. This list will be reviewed in the office for eligibility before potential candidates are contacted.

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**Secretaries Report – Fr. Matkin**

- Average Sunday attendance for 2006 YTD: 336
- Transfers in: 9
- Baptisms: 0
- Marriages: 1
- Transfers out: 3
- Births: 0
- Deaths: 0

**Old Business**

- 1) Capital Funds Drive  
The Executive Committee proposed that the vestry engage RSI to complete the parishioner survey. Susan Hekman moved that the vestry do this and Diane Hartley seconded. All approved.
- 2) 4<sup>th</sup> Street Property  
On Monday September 25, Jim Rhea met with John Hall, VP Facilities, at U. T. Arlington to discuss any renewed interest that UTA might have in their former properties. Jim reported that UTA has an increased level of interest due to their perceived need for additional Greek Life housing. Mr. Hall indicated he would immediately contact his Facilities HQ in Austin and ask them to contact our realtor about our three parcels. UTA already owns the vacant lot that separates our two vacant lots.
- 3) Victory Fund and Mortgage payments as debt reduction – no action was taken.

**New Business**

- 1) New Diocesan Policy – at next month's meeting the vestry will need to decide the issue of how any donations will be sent to ECUSA.
- 2) Canon John Heidt will assist while Fr. Kresowaty is recuperating.
- 3) Rector's Surgery is scheduled for October 10<sup>th</sup> and he will be out of the office for 7-10 days.

**Closing Prayer and Adjournment**

Fr. Kresowaty closed with prayer at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted by,

Carolyn Dobbs