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

Absent: Steve Altman, Darrell Glidewell (both are traveling)

Fr. Kresowaty called meeting to order with prayer at 7:01 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the September vestry meeting were approved via email.

Rector's Report

- Fr. Kresowaty has been busy with Capital Campaign activities and did not have a formal report.
- Peggy Pate moved that there be an exception to the Capital Campaign disbursement guidelines so that Jody Gittiban can co-sign a check made out to her since Daryl Glidewell, the other authorized signer on the account, is out of town. Sara Beall seconded. All approved. Kathy Jones and Jody Gittiban will co-sign the check for expense reimbursement for the Advanced Commitment gatherings.

Newcomer's Report

- Newcomer brunch for October was postponed, but there will be one in November.

Events – Fr. Matkin

OCTOBER

- 3 **St Francis Mass and Pet Blessing, 6pm**
- 6 FPU garage sale
- 7 **SAEC Town Hall**
- 13 Legate due
- 13-14 **Stewardship Event**
- 14 **All Youth Event**
- 25 Deanery Meeting at St Laurence
- 27 Diocesan Mission Conference at St Vincent's
- 28 **Trunk or Treat, 6pm**

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**

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- 13 Legate due
- 16-17 Diocesan Convention
- 18 First Communion
- 21 **Thanksgiving Eve, 6:30pm**

DECEMBER

- 2 **Lessons and Carols, 5:30pm and Dinner** (visit by St Nicholas)
- 13 Legate due
- 16 Advent Project
- 23 **Carol Singing**
- 24 **Christmas Eve Masses**
- 25 **Christmas Day**
- 18 First Communion
- 21 **Thanksgiving Eve, 6:30 p.m.**

Underlined items are Capital Campaign-related.

Worship Committee – Tim Cox, Peggy Pate, Steve Vinson

- Order of St. Luke is meeting on Saturday, 10/20. They are doing study of the book Where is God When it Hurts.
- The number of ushers has increased as a result of Rally Day. Many parishioners are trained ushers and so it is easy to find replacements when needed. More youth are participating as well, which is very much encouraged.

Christian Education – Sara Beall, Jim Swann

- The Diocesan CE Commission, along with the Bishop, will sponsor an important day long seminar on Saturday, December 8th, Visionary Parenting. Church leaders are encouraged to attend this 9am to 3pm event. Parents, godparents, etc are encouraged to attend the morning session.
- Our attendance in Sunday School has been good until the 5th Sunday of September. It was great on the 14th due to the Children's Event.
- Teachers were gracious about juggling 'extra' curriculum with the Stewardship lessons, and the outcome of 'visual' arts/crafts that the children produced were beautiful and meaningful. Many thanks to Gretchen Hosea and our Sunday School teachers.
- Nov. 4th and 11th we will have baptisms and confirm several youth.
- Nov. 18th our Early/First Communion class will celebrate with their families together at the altar. Pews will be reserved and we ask the congregation to 'yield' to these families who will 'go first' to communion.
- Special guest, Suzanne Hearne, from St. Andrew's, FW will present a wonderful Advent program on Wednesday morning, December 5th 10 - noon. All are welcome to attend 'Art in Advent - Scripture and Masterpiece'.

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Youth Ministry – Peggy Pate, Darrell Glidewell, Jody Gittiban

- The most recent candidate has taken a full-time youth ministry job elsewhere.

Pastoral Care – Peggy Pate, Darrell Glidewell, Jody Gittiban

- Stephen Ministers are active with the Elder Care series, but turnout has been low.
- Lay Eucharistic Visitors were trained last week and will test soon.

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

- Brian Picard, lay director of Canterbury ministry, will be moving on in November and Fr. Matkin has been appointed to replace him as Canterbury chaplain. Canterbury ministry is an outreach of the local parish, even if the diocese contributes funds to its program.
- Fr. Matkin has also asked the two other curates (Fr Jenkins and Fr Hough IV) if they would like to be involved in the campus ministry, and they have responded enthusiastically. Fr. Matkin met with our UTA faculty advisor, the student affairs office, and other campus ministry leaders to learn more. There has also been one inquiry from a student transferring to UTA who would like to be a part of the group.
- The month of November will be used to plan and recruit. The Canterbury ministry will begin again in January for the spring semester. The regular schedule will be to meet once a week for Mass, followed by dinner and discussion. In addition, there will be special fun events and service projects scattered through the year.

School Committee Report – Susan Hekman

- The School filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy on October 1, 2007.
- The church is not listed as a creditor so the church has filed a Proof of Claim for \$354,577.00.
- When Frost Bank, creditor on the school's modular buildings, takes possession of them, the church will make demand to remove the buildings from church property.

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Treasurer's Report – Nick Garefalos, John Banks

- Pledge and Plate income for September was \$51,570.15. When corrected for annual prepaid pledges totaled \$52,216.81, slightly below the budgeted amount of \$52,678.00.
- September expenses were \$51,490.00, below the budgeted amount of \$53,348.00.

Stewardship Committee – Stephen Vinson, Jim Swann

- There was no regular meeting of the committee in October.
- A pamphlet of the Narrative Budget chart and accompanying description was created and submitted to the Capital Campaign Print Committee for inclusion in the Capital Campaign information packets distributed.
- The 2008 Annual Pledge cards were designed and submitted for printing. The Finance Administrator has already received some pledge cards for both the annual and the capital campaign. The Thank-You note writing effort will begin once the first list of givers is received.
- The next regular meeting will be November 14, 2007.

Junior Warden's Report – Tim Cox

- The Boy Scouts reported a roof leak in the Canterbury House and Frazier Roofing has been called to inspect before we call the insurance company.
- The Sanctuary A/C main coil had a leak and was repaired by Duncan Air. If this does not hold, it will be necessary to have a custom coil made. Say your prayers.
- I have been in discussions with Grace United about using our cleaning service at an additional fee. They will either pay Do Right Janitorial direct or St. Alban's for this service.
- We have received the payment from Grace United Methodist Church for first and last month's rent of Cawthron Hall, plus October's payment. Fr. Kresowaty and the pastor of Grace are looking for synergies between the two congregations.

Communications Committee – Sara Beall

- No report.

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Chancellor's Report — Chris Troutt

- Chris Troutt researched laws surrounding the care and maintenance of a columbarium. Reserve funds generally need to be maintained for perpetual care of a columbarium, but this does not apply to those used and owned by religious organizations. Also, health and safety laws also do not apply to a columbarium used and owned by religious organizations. General trust principles do apply.
- The plan will be to reserve the amount of money paid by parishioners who have reserved space in the columbarium.

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

- The Capital Campaign “Celebrate Our Past...Prepare for Our Future” is well into the Inspiration Phase. Activities are on schedule thanks to dedicated volunteers.
- The Vestry made a wise choice selecting RSI as a consultant for our campaign. The RSI program is very well thought out and materials and coaching are superb.
- Commitment Sunday is November 4, with the spectacular All Church Birthday Party that evening. Announcement of pledges will be January 6, 2008.
- A budget statement for the campaign will be provided before the next vestry meeting. The campaign is completely self-funded without burden to the operating budget of the church thanks to seed money from a few faithful contributors.

Nominations & Personnel – Jody Gittiban

- A committee meeting was held Monday October 15th, with the purpose being to review the approved list of possible candidates for Vestry and Delegates to Convention and begin our next step.
- The list was divided and Kathy and Tim will begin to contact the possible candidates for their consideration in running for the vestry terms that are expiring.
- Jody will contact the current Delegates to determine if any would like to continue for another term, as well as a list of new candidates, as needed.
- Once a final list is determined, the next step will be to have the candidates complete the application process. Then the candidates' names and pictures will be published in the December Legate.

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Secretaries Report – Fr. Matkin

- Average Sunday attendance for 2007 YTD: 303
- Transfers in: 1
- Baptisms: 0
- Marriages: 1
- Transfers out: 3
- Births: 0
- Deaths: 1

Old Business

- 1) Capital Funds Drive / All Parish Event November 4, 2007 – see Development report.
- 2) Youth Minister – see Youth Ministry report.
- 3) Mineral Rights – first week in November will be a signing event for the neighborhood. John Banks is checking into this.
- 4) Marsee Garden – see Chancellor's report.
- 5) Defibrillators- these have not yet been received.

New Business

- 1) Other

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Fr. Kresowaty closed with prayer at 8:25.

Respectfully submitted by,

Carolyn Dobbs