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In attendance: Fr. Kresowaty, Steve Altman, Carolyn Dobbs, Susan Hekman, Diane Hartley, Kathy Jones, John Banks, Chris Troutt, Tim Cox, Fr. Matkin, Wendell Rosales

Absent: Darrell Glidewell, Peggy Pate, Jim Rhea

Fr. Kresowaty called meeting to order with prayer at 7:07.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November Vestry meeting were approved via email.

Rector's Report

Fr. Kresowaty shared the results of the parishioner responses to the Pastoral Letter and card that was sent earlier this month regarding giving to the national church, The Episcopal Church (TEC). Although the response deadline was December 18, parishioners are still welcome to turn in their card. Out of 354 letters sent out we have received the following results: 26 "yes," 92 "no," and 20 "let the vestry decide." While the yes's and no's are clear for those responders, the vestry must decide if any fraction of the balance of parish income should go to TEC.

Steve Altman moved that we use the yes and no responses to establish a formula (yes votes divided by the sum of yes and no votes) to apply to undesignated pledges (those with no yes or response) and plate donations to determine what fraction to send to TEC. Tim Cox seconded. Three voted yes and six voted no.

Susan Hekman moved that we use the same percentage that was used last year to determine the percentage of the undesignated pledges and plate donations to go to The Episcopal Church. Ron Horton seconded.

The motion was amended to apply to January only. John Banks seconded.

Susan Hekman withdrew the amendment.

Chris Troutt moved that the vestry vote to determine, by average of voting vestry members, what percentage of the 1.9% of the undesignated pledges and plate donations should go to The Episcopal Church (TEC). Susan Hekman seconded. All approved.

The vestry voted to send 55.22% of the 1.9% of the undesignated pledges and plate donations should go to The Episcopal Church (TEC). This percentage will be revisited by the vestry as needed.

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Newcomers – Diane Hartley and Peggy Pate

Four newcomers were greeted in December and three were taken to lunch on Dec. 3. All of them have asked to either transfer or join by another means. We hope to see them all back for Christmas services.

Events – Fr. Matkin

Bold italic type indicates a parish-wide event

DECEMBER

24 Special Schedule – Mass at 9:00 a.m. (Advent IV) and at 5:00, 8:00 and 10:30 (Christmas Eve services)

24 Church Fellowship (No Sunday School)

25 Christmas Day-Mass at 10:00 a.m.

31 Church Fellowship (No Sunday School)

JANUARY

6 Feast of the Epiphany

7 Baptism, Epiphany party after church

10 Family Night

22-25 Diocesan Clergy Silent Retreat at Montserrat

25-26 Pinewood Derby in Parish Hall

28 Annual Parish Meeting (one Eucharist at 9:00 a.m. followed by a light lunch and the meeting)

FEBRUARY

4 Gideons at SAEC

6 Mass at SAES – 9:30 p.m.

7 Family Night

11 Youth Sunday

21 Ash Wednesday

Worship Committee – Tim Cox and Peggy Pate

No report.

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Christian Education – Diane Hartley and Kathy Jones

- The Committee for ministry to Parish families concluded the year with the 'St. Nicholas', First Wednesday. Approximately 50 people shared the meal and sang and shopped. Approximately 28 adults attended Fr. Matkin's presentation following the meal, 'Untangling your Christmas Lights.' The committee will be taking a sabbatical until further notice. First Wednesdays will take a 'rest' in 2007.
- Melaini Touchstone directed the Children's Christmas Pageant on December 17th.
- Classes will meet the first 3 weeks in December and pause for the 24th and 31st. Classes will resume Jan. 7th.
- The Adult class 'Screwtape Letters' concludes Dec. 17th, as well as 'Apocalypse Now?'
- Class attendance on Sunday mornings for Youth has declined in December. The attendance in children's classes has been steady for December. We have approximately 30 adults in regular attendance, 9 youth, and 24 children.
- We hope 2007 will see an increase in Parish participation in the Sunday morning Christian Education hour.

Youth Ministry – Diane Hartley and Peggy Pate

No report.

Pastoral Care – Diane Hartley and Peggy Pate

The Stephen Ministry has to report the death of one of our active members. Anne Stellmaker passed away on December 9th.

Outreach and Mission – Diane Hartley

No report.

School Committee Report – Jim Rhea

No report.

Treasurer's Report – John Banks/Wendell Rosales

- Pledge and Plate income for November was \$38,202.26, when corrected for annual prepaid pledges totaled \$40,685.59, slightly below the budgeted amount of \$41,582.00.
- November expenses were \$32,708.00 (budgeted \$53,073.91).
- Total amount for all repairs and maintenance done in 2006 to date is \$29,277.32.
- Building expenses were over budget by approximately \$12,000, which is attributed to unforeseen repairs and maintenance.
- Total expenses for Programs was under budget by 18,548.00.
- The Victory Fund was closed and the mortgage account was credited \$18,952.22.

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- John Banks moved that the Land fund be closed and those funds placed back into undesignated funds. Tim Cox seconded. John withdrew the motion as the vestry approved this action this last month.

Stewardship Committee – Kathy Jones and Susan Hekman

The statistics for the 10th week (12/9 – 12/22/06) of the Pledge Campaign for 2007 include:

- Total amount of pledges received - \$487,210.00
- Average Pledge - \$2,591.54
- Number of pledges received is currently 188, of which:
 - 20 are new pledges (did not pledge in 2006);
 - 55 increased their pledge from last year;
 - 16 decreased their pledge from last year;
 - 97 remained the same (as amount pledged in 2006).

Junior Warden's Report

- The heat exchanger to the narthex and the part of the heater for the nave were replaced.
- New bids were taken for the cleaning contract, lawn service and A/C service.
- The Rector will consult with the Development Committee and the Worship Committee about painting the wall behind the altar.

Communications Committee – Carolyn Dobbs and Susan Hekman

No report.

Chancellor's Report – Chris Troutt

No report.

Development Committee Report – John Banks and Darrell Glidewell

No report.

Nominations & Personnel – Diane Hartley and Carolyn Dobbs

Biographical information and photographs for vestry candidates will be included in the January Legate and in the program for the Annual Parish Meeting.

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Secretaries Report – Fr. Matkin

- Average Sunday attendance for 2006 YTD: 325
- Transfers in: 2
- Baptisms: 1
- Marriages: 0
- Transfers out: 0
- Births: 0
- Deaths: 2

1 Old Business

- 1) Capital Funds Drive – The vestry has purchased a parish assessment from RSI. We are working with a consultant who will meet with us on January 2. First phase takes 8-10 weeks.
- 2) 4th Street Property – This property has not yet sold. The church's realtor has been contacted by the University of Texas in Austin stating that they would make an offer.
- 3) Electricity Contract – A second utility broker in the parish has provided information on electricity costs by various providers. The diocese is forming a commission in January to address the issue of spiraling utility costs in parishes. One utility broker is willing to consider a lower rate to a group of churches. Steve Altman moved that we accept a bid for a 6-month term at the lowest rate. John Banks seconded. All approved.
- 4) Second Draft of Budget for 2007 shows a \$124,810 deficit over projected income. Tim Cox moved that initial 2007 spending be held at 2006 levels...until a budget is passed. John Banks seconded. Chris Troutt abstained.

2 New Business

- 1) Outcome of Letters and Information Card
- 2) Chris Troutt made a motion to approve housing allowances for clergy at \$40,000 for Fr. Kresowaty and \$23,784.00 for Fr. Matkin. Diane Hartley seconded. All approved.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Fr. Kresowaty closed with prayer at 10:20.

Respectfully submitted by,

Carolyn Dobbs