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In attendance: Fr. Kresowaty, Jody Gittiban, Doug Hosea, Sara Beall, Rick Coombs, Sue Hogg, Richard Stolley, Sheryl Fritz, Jim Swann, Ty Head

Absent: Stephen Vinson, Bob Yarger, Jim Ray

Also attending: Susan Kennemer-Clerk

Fr. Kresowaty called the meeting to order with prayer at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

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

Rector's Report

- Fr. Kresowaty reminded the Vestry that 5 members had not yet returned their pledge cards.
- Radio ads on WRR will start on December 20 to invite listeners to the Christmas services
- Lessons & Carols went well, as did the pot luck supper following the service.
- Appropriation of new signs on Davis to announce the service times and to replace the old Episcopal Church sign and logo have been assigned to the Communications and the Development Committees.
- After discussion on various topics, the following motions were made:
 - A motion was made by Sara Beall, seconded by Doug Hosea, to authorize Fr. Kresowaty as the Rector, and Jody Gittiban as the Senior Warden, to sign the contract to renew the line of credit with Compass Bank. The motion passed unanimously.** If funds are needed to pay off the line of credit, they will come from the Capital Campaign Funds and that money will be replaced when the new line of credit is established.
 - A motion was made by Doug Hosea, seconded by Sheryl Fritz, to set Fr. Kresowaty's housing allowance for 2010 at \$50,000. The motion passed unanimously.**
 - A motion was made by Sara Beall, seconded by Richard Stolley, to set Fr. Duncan's housing allowance for 2010 at \$25,000. The motion passed unanimously.**
 - A motion was made by Doug Hosea, seconded by Jim Swann, to keep spending at current levels until the new budget is passed in January 2010. The motion passed unanimously.**
- The Vestry ratified and accepted a gift of \$15,000 from the H. Fort Flowers Foundation for a new fence for the playground and an overhead projector.

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

In Bill Richardson's and Bob Yarger's absences, Fr. Kresowaty presented the Treasurer's Report.

Income:

Year-to-date giving is \$42,100 favorable to budget.

Expenses:

Year-to-date total expenses are \$70,100 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. We continue to make excellent progress on the deficit.

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Dedicated Funds and Accounts, Key Receipts and Expenditures

The only notable payment from dedicated accounts in November was a payment from the Insurance Claim account for repair of the leaky water line on the north side of the church.

Mortgage Refinancing and Line of Credit Extension Update

Negotiations are continuing on refinancing the mortgage and line of credit

2010 Budget Status and Update

Budget is drafted and was reviewed at the last Vestry meeting. Results of the Stewardship Campaign are needed to firm up the overall picture.

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

No report.

Events

Bold type indicates parish-wide event

December 2009

- 4 Boy Scout benefit dinner – Parish Hall, 6:00pm
- 5 Advent Project – Parish Hall, 9:00am
- 5 Prayers & Squares – Room 10, 9:00am – 12 noon
- 6 **Lessons & Carols, potluck dinner following in the Parish Hall, 5:30pm**
- 12 Advent Project – Parish Hall, 9:00am
- 16 Holy Hour, 6:00pm
- 18-21 Teenage Youth Group mini mission trip to Cleburne
- 19 Advent Project – Parish Hall, 9:00am – handing out Christmas boxes
- 19 **Christmas Open House at the Harrel's in Fort Worth, 2:00-5:00 pm**
- 22 Junior Youth Group to go Caroling
- 24 **Christmas Eve services: 5:30pm, Rite II; 8:00pm, Rite II; 10:30pm, Rite I with incense**
- 25 **Christmas Day – Mass at 10:00am;** church office closed
- 30 Fr. Duncan's Birthday
- 31 Fr. Kresowaty's birthday
- 31 New Years Eve
- 28-Jan 1 Church Office closed
- 28-Jan 12 Bookstore and Gift Shop closed – but opening Sunday mornings during this time

January 2010

- 1 **New Years Day**
- 2 Christmas Pageant rehearsal, 10:00am – 12 noon
- 3 **Christmas Pageant at 10:30 service & Pre-Epiphany Party in the Parish Hall after the service**
- 9 Prayer & Squares – Room 10, 9:00am – 12 noon
- 10 **Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ**
- 20 Holy Hour, 6:00pm
- 24 **Annual Parish Meeting, 10:30am – Parish Hall; one service at 9:00am**
- 25-28 Clergy Retreat

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February 2010

- 6 Altar/Flower Guild luncheon
- 11 Cursillo #281
- 17 **Ash Wednesday – services at 7:00am, 12 noon, 7:00pm**
- 19 **Lenten program/soup & salad dinner**
- 26 **Lenten program/ salad & potato bar dinner**
- 27 Boy Scout Blue & Gold Banquet – Parish Hall

Worship Committee – Jim Ray, Steve Vinson, Richard Stolley

No report.

Christian Education – Sara Beall, Sue Hogg, Jim Ray

This report is from Susie Wheaton, Christian Education Director.

- Attendance for Pre k- 6th grade is steady at 8 - 10. Unfortunately, we haven't seen an increase, yet. Attendance in Youth is zero for the last 2 weeks. (Fr. Duncan said 4 youth are going on the mini mission trip this weekend, though.) Attendance in the Adult Class has dropped from September and October, but they still have a strong group. Hopefully, we'll be able to add an additional Adult offering in February. Our CE volunteers are WONDERFUL and so faithful. Pray for them, as it can be discouraging to have few or no students.
- Thank you to Sara Beall for doing all of the leg work to get wireless in the CE areas and the other audio/visual equipment and needs upstairs!!
- We have class December 20th, break for the 27th and resume on January 3rd.
- CE Volunteers will receive a small token of appreciation from the Parish at Christmas.
- Mark your calendars: Coming in 2010 - Visionary Parenting, a 7 week (7 meetings) course date
- TBD: "Friday Nights in Lent",
- Family Camp at Camp Crucis - July 6th-9th (Diocesan sponsored)
- Keep inviting your young friends to SAEC!

Youth Ministry - Fr. Duncan

Teenage Youth Group

Our teenage youth group has continued to meet on Sunday evenings at 6:30pm. This Friday our teens will leave for their mission trip to Holy Comforter Parish in Cleburne. We will return on Monday evening. While there we will help out with various jobs around their facility including yard work and other physical jobs around the grounds. We will also help with their 'Hanging of the Greens' on Sunday. On top of that we have several fun activities planned for the evenings

Upcoming Events

Friday December 18 – Monday December 21: Youth Group Mission Trip to Holy Comforter, Cleburne
Sunday, January 3 – Teenage Youth Group resumes at 6:30pm

Junior Youth Group (ages 8-12)

We had a great collection of hygiene items in the donation boxes that our Junior Youth Group made. This past Sunday our Junior Youth Group gathered and went over to the Arlington Life Shelter to deliver them. While we were there the shelter's volunteer coordinator Alex Davis gave us a tour of their facility and answered many of the children's questions about the work of a shelter.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, December 22: Caroling & Christmas Lights Trip at 5:30pm

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Friday, January 8: Back to School Lock-In at 6:30pm

Caritas (20s and 30s ministry)

Caritas had a wonderful turnout and a great feast at our Thanksgiving Potluck on Saturday, November 21. During that evening we discussed our future outreach possibilities, including the possibility of doing a regular volunteer night. We concluded our evening with a service of Compline.

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, December 16: Caritas Volunteering Night at Mission Arlington at 6:30pm

Saturday, January 16: Caritas Game night at the Sparkman home at 6:30pm

Pastoral Care – Richard Stolley, Sue Hogg

No report.

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

Prayers & Squares

Prayers and Squares has given out 6 prayer quilts since the group began after Rally Day. Response from the congregation to tying the ties and praying for the recipient of the quilts has grown each time a quilt is out. We have members who have the quilts available for the Saturday service and all the Sunday morning services. We hope for better response from the 5:30 service on Sundays when they become more familiar with the purpose of the quilts, to give comfort and share our healing prayers with the recipients. We thank those who have given fabric and monetary donations to this ministry, to the ladies who meet once a month to cut and assemble the quilts, to those who tie and pray, and to the clergy for blessing the quilts before they are given.

Stewardship Committee – Stephen Vinson, Jim Swann, Sheryl Fritz

As of December 7 (the sixth week), we have received 106 pledges, totaling \$354,777. There are four new pledges included in this amount. 45.3 percent have increased their pledge over the 2009 amount, and another 40 were able to maintain their giving at the same level as for 2009. These two groups account for \$322,034, which is over 90 percent of the total. Only 14 pledges were decreased.

After six weeks last year, we had 132 pledges for \$415,485. The Committee has been writing thank you notes to those who have pledged in the first three weeks. The remaining notes will be sent out before Christmas.

Junior Warden's Report – Doug Hosea

- We have quite a bit of dirt left in the parking lot. Nasser Gittiban and I are going to be moving that this weekend.
- We invited two companies to submit a bid to remove the old school building behind Canterbury House. Stomper Demolition submitted a bid of \$15,000. AAA Demolition has inspected the property but has yet to submit a bid.
- The excavation on the water line on the north side of the church has turned up a few surprises. First and foremost is that the line is not a galvanized water line like we were told several times in the past. It turns out to be a copper water line and it appears not to be the source of our elevated water bills. We have stopped the progress of the replacement of that line until we can determine the source of the higher bills.
- CMR Construction has evaluated the slate roof and determined a material need to repair the broken slate. This material has been ordered. Once we get a delivery date, we will schedule the repair.

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Communications Committee – Sara Beall, Jim Ray

- Communication Committee members, Sara Beall, Susan Kennemer and Jim Ray, met on Thursday, Dec 3 with the Todd Company to discuss the redesign of the St. Alban's website.

A motion was made by Sue Hogg, seconded by Sheryl Fritz, to change the webmaster to Joanna Beall at a cost of \$500 per month to keep the website current. This amount will in turn be reimbursed to the parish. The motion passed unanimously.

- Susan Kennemer has updated the vestry bulletin board near the Parish Hall.
- The wireless network in the church building is now complete. It is password-protected for security.

Development Committee – Doug Hosea, Sheryl Fritz, Ty Head

Capital Campaign Finances

The current balance stands at \$265,324 with no current obligations.

Marsee Garden

Work on Phase I of the Marsee Memorial Garden is complete. Jack Nipp of Liturgical Designs has given us a proposal of \$15,562 to complete the columbarium. We currently have a balance of \$16,405 in the Memorial Garden Fund. We also have an outstanding balance of \$9,800 from Phase I of the project, leaving a balance of \$6,605 in the account. This would leave us needing an additional \$8,957 to complete the columbarium.

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. Tim has submitted the plans and we will be soliciting bids for the project after the holidays.

Wireless Internet Service

Sara Beall has finished this project. Thanks, Sara!

Projects with no progress

- Choir loft risers
- Parish Hall

Nominations & Personnel – Jody Gittiban, Sheryl Fritz

The Delegate Candidates are set, and will be listed in the January Legate, they are:

Rilla Altman
Chad Chisholm
Ben Doerge
Jan Eden
Joe Lundy
Paul Nelson
Waller Poage
Randy Sparks
Esther Stolley
Don Wheaton
Robert White
Sue Yarger

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Jody would like to thank Sheryl, Jim Ray, and Jim Swann for their help on this year's Nomination Committee.

Secretaries Report

- Average Sunday attendance for 2009 YTD: 249
- Transfers in: 0
- Baptisms: 0
- Marriages: 0
- Transfers out: 0
- Births: 0
- Deaths: 1

Old Business

- Richard Stolley brought samples of parish directories published by Life Touch. The new directory project will begin in late February 2010.
- Annual Parish Meeting, January 24, 2010. There will be a Vestry meeting immediately after the meeting.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Fr. Kresowaty closed with a blessing at 8:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan W. Kennemer
Vestry Clerk

Next meeting of the Vestry will be on January 20, 2010 at 7:00 pm in Room 10.