

St. Alban's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2013

Present: Frank Governali, Peter Merrill, Jen Tarling, the Revs. Tim Boggs and Kelly Moughty, the Venerable Audrey Delafield, Jim Croft, Connie Babcock, Bruce Babcock, Rose Kennealy, Bill Bell, Peg Thompson, Jay Houghton, Erik Olsen

Absent: Gretchen Hartley

Opening Prayer by Fr. Tim Boggs

Minutes of December meeting approved as submitted.

Stewardship Report by Frank Governali:

We have 191 pledges valued at ~ \$400,000 so far for 2013. Last year, we had 24 fewer pledges and a pledge total of ~\$460,000. While we had 25 new pledges this year, we have lost 52 pledges (amounting to ~\$90,000) due to deaths, families moving or becoming unable to pledge. Thirty families haven't re-pledged yet for 2013 (valued at ~\$35,000). The Stewardship Committee continues to follow up with personal contacts.

Financial Report by Frank Governali:

At the end of 2012, we report a net surplus of \$3,808. \$15,000 in 2012 pledges remains outstanding. Strong plate offerings (mostly from newcomers) were \$8,000 greater than predicted in the 2012 budget. A new snow blower was recently purchased from an appropriate category of the One Foundation Fund. Office copy expenses are being recalculated with the copier leasing company. The ~ \$16,000 surplus from 2011 was not used in 2012 and will be rolled in to 2013. In 2013, we will all be more mindful of reducing expenses and will work toward targeted gifts for guest musicians, a category that was not well budgeted in 2012. Right now, an approximately \$9,000 shortfall is projected at the moment. That is expected to be mitigated substantially by recovery of outstanding pledges.

Clergy Reports by *Fr. Tim Boggs*:

The Rev. Kelly Moughty was ordained a priest by Bishop Lane at St. Alban's in a warm and splendid ceremony on December 14, 2012.

The annual Christmas pageant was enthusiastically performed for the congregation on Dec. 16 during Sunday service.

Four Christmas services were well and happily attended.

Fr. Tim is planning to hold a parish conversation meeting on January 13th, 2013 about the new changes in marriage law in the State of Maine and in the Episcopal Church.

St. Alban's annual meeting is scheduled for January 27, 11:00 a.m.

The annual Vestry retreat will take place the weekend of Feb. 2, 2013.

On Feb. 10, the Bishop of Maine will make an official visit to St. Alban's Parish.

A trip to Haiti is being planned for early March to visit St. Luc's school and parish in Tru Du Nord to deepen our relationship with that community.

By Kelly Moughty:

Kelly and Debbie Fisher are planning a program called "Raising Spiritual Kids in a Secular World". A meeting with parents is planned for Tuesday Jan. 29 to talk about the topic and the role of St. Alban's in the lives of kids in our parish.

By Audrey Delafield:

On January 6, Audrey held a committee meeting to discuss the status of our Mission and Outreach efforts. Several new participants were present.

Buildings and Grounds Report by *Pete Merrill:*

Insulation work in the Rectory basement is completed.

Warden's Report by *Jim Croft:*

Thanks were offered to outgoing Vestry members Jay Houghton, Peg Thompson and Rose Kennealy.

Jason Burks, Michelle Whitney and Nancy Pezzullo have each accepted nomination to new terms on the Vestry.

The Health Ministry is planning Spirituality Workshops by Margaret Bullitt Jonas on January 15 and 16 at St. Alban's.

Thank Yous to:

Pat Becker for preparation of pledge statements (by Connie Babcock).

Ginny Blackwood for intensive and excellent Altar Guild work in December (by Jay Houghton).

Closing prayer by Jim Croft