

**St. Alban's Episcopal Church**  
**Austin, Texas**  
**Minutes of the Vestry – November 27, 2007**

**In attendance:** Charlotte Peck, Darren Grissom, Allen Evans, Tom Harrison, Jill Logan, Patti Hayes and Margaret Waters

**Absent:** Joe Eaton

**Guests:** Ann Brotherton, Yvonne Cyphers

The meeting opened with prayer and group bible study.

**Rector's Report**

Margaret announced that we had 54 pledges to the capital campaign totaling an estimated \$425,000. The results of our annual pledge drive to date were 67 pledges totaling just over \$230,000. This is under the previous year total of 87 pledges at \$260,000. The exciting news is that we have 12 new pledging units and 43 units saw an increase in giving.

Diocesan Council will be held February 15-17, 2008 in Galveston. St. Alban's is entitled to four delegates and one alternate. Our delegates will be Jerry Inman, Charlotte Peck, Tom Harrison and Darren Grissom. The alternate will be Mary Helen Inman.

The junior warden position will be filled from within the vestry. We are looking at a change in the duties of this position to allow for greater flexibility. This will be addressed further after the installation of the new members of the vestry.

The vestry rejected an application to rent the parish hall to a non-member. There were serious concerns about our capacity to serve the group with potable water and the proximity to other services being held at St. Alban's.

**Update on Construction**

Jerry informed us that the necessary revisions to the floor plan of the second floor had been made and were working through the permitting process. Construction should begin in early Spring and be finished within ninety days. The installation of the elevator may require an extended timeframe of 12-14 weeks. Among the revisions to the site plan were an enhanced security system that included video monitoring of the front door for office staff.

The vestry approved for the Treasurer, Allen Evans, to work with the Diocese of Texas to approve a bridge-loan for construction costs of the second floor. We will review three proposals and agree to the most advantageous.

### **Vestry Elections**

Vestry elections will be held January 27, 2008 during the Annual Meeting. Slated nominees are Yvonne Cyphers, Judy Evans, Margie Messinger, Allen Evans and Tony Garcia. Those members leaving the vestry are Tom Harrison, Patti Hayes, Jerry Inman and Allen Evans, who was fulfilling an unexpired term.

### **Signage**

We are still waiting on additional estimates for a sign to be placed near I-35. The vestry will not move forward until a secondary estimate is received.

### **Missionary Asking and Diocesan Assessment**

Our Diocesan Assessment for 2008 increased by an estimated \$7000 to \$\_\_\_\_\_.  
Our Missionary Asking also increase by approximately \$2800 to \$\_\_\_\_\_.  
Per Diocesan requirements, our assessment will be paid in full. The vestry has committed to maintaining \$6000 as our minimum level of giving towards our missionary asking from our operating fund. An additional commitment was made of \$14,000 in thanksgiving for the success of our capital campaign and continued gifts to the parish. This additional money will be paid out of the building fund.

The meeting was adjourned.