

## Minutes to the April 18th, 2009- Vestry Meeting of St Alban's

In attendance: Rev. Margaret Waters

Rev. Ann Brotherton

Charlotte Peck

Margie Messinger

John Gemar

Mary Helen Inman

John Rouse

Tony Garcia

Absent: Yvonne Cyphers, Judy Evans

Meeting began at 1:00 pm with two Church member presentations:

\*Jim Muhlenbruch, representing Standard Renewable Energy (See attached promotional materials)

-Summary of bid/proposal:

126 solar panels producing 26.4 KW of power

Placed on the roof of the PLC

\$152,000 initial cost/ \$52,000 after \$100K rebate from Austin Energy

Estimated payback of 8 years

\*Rufus Woody- Submitted two proposals for financing the Solar Panels

1. Extend the membership pledges on the PLC Building Fund
2. Offer Church members to purchase separate panels & donate them to the

Church

(Using the bids already submitted, costs per panel would be:

-\$607 per panel/ Meridian

-\$413 per panel/ Standard)

Margie Messinger volunteered to contact Texas Solar, here in Austin, for a 3rd bid.

Texas Solar Power Company

1703 W Koenig Lane, Austin, Tx 78756

512-459-9494

Vincent Guerrero, Project Manager - Email: [vincent@txspc.com](mailto:vincent@txspc.com)

Greg Hamilton of Xtreme Power will present energy efficiency and power storage units at the next meeting, after previewing St Alban's energy profile.

At 1:50 pm, Charlotte declared a quorum present and Margaret opened the meeting with prayer.

John Rouse led the Bible Study, entitled "Crossing the Bridge", which matches 12-Step Recovery with applicable Bible verses.

Mary Helen, who volunteered to do next month's Bible study, requested Vestry members to bring their oldest or most cherished Bibles (or Church literature) to the next meeting.

## RECTOR'S REPORT

\*Great Holy Week: Seder was a rousing success. Cantor Marie stated it was the best Seder dinner she has presented at any Church. St Alban's may need to consider doing RSVP's for next year's Seder. Margaret would like for St Alban's to recognize all major Jewish Holidays during the year. Margaret proposed a group from St Alban's going to north Austin to worship with Cantor Marie's congregation on Fridays.

\*May 2nd- Barefoot Mass & Chuck Wagon Supper

Peter Cook, a local attorney, will teach several Country & Western dance modes for interested members.

## \*VESTRY ELECTION PROCEDURES:

-Margie Messinger will organize Diocesan approved standards for election, ie.  
Forms for Candidates  
Requirements  
Closed voting

and forward the information to Linda Crannell, who will present the information to the Parish,

-Via the June St Alban's Almanac

-Parish Meeting to inform the membership of the Diocesan Vestry Election procedures is set on Rally Day, September 13th

-Vestry Election & Delegates to the Diocesan Council is set for October 18th;

## \* VERGER TRAINING

Four participants: John Gemar, Jerry Inman, Susan Tennison, and John Bennett Waters

VERGER INSTALLATION DAY: October 11th

\*Crosspoints Training: 6 modules of spiritual leadership training. Current participant: Allen Evans. Claudia Perez may begin training soon.

\*Margaret will attend the General Convention of the Episcopal Church on July 8th-11th & asked that those days NOT count against her vacation time. Motion to accommodate her request was made by Margie and seconded by John G. The motion carried unanimously.

\*Future Vestry Meeting dates proposed: May 16th  
June 13th  
July- NO MEETING

\*Book Study: LEADING CHANGE in the CONGREGATION: Gilbert Rendle  
Study of the book will begin in September.

\*April 16-18th, 2010 Vestry & Staff Retreat at the Reserve WellSpring Retreat Center

## WARDENS' REPORT

\*Check your Church mailbox

\*Put your name on the monthly meeting's minutes, if you are the one taking them.

\*Would like to purchase 100 glass plates, 100 glass bowls, and 100 glass dinner plates at a cost of \$231 from WalMart.

\*Request for at least three Vestry members to update Church By-Laws. Those responding were:

Margie Messinger-Chairman  
John Gemar  
Allen Evans  
Mary Ellen

The group decided to meet on June 13th before the scheduled Vestry Meeting at 11:00 am.

\*Name tags for the Parish not quite finished

\*John G is collating a binder for the Church's most important documents.

\*Charlotte will NOT be able to attend May's Vestry meeting.

\*The Jr. Warden's Report was received and submitted into this meeting's minutes.

\*Wanda Fletcher is considering attending the 3-year program at the seminary for Youth Ministry. If she decides to attend,  
the cost to St Alban's would be \$900, with the Diocese funding the other half of the cost.

\*Margaret & Charlotte will purchase used furniture to finish out rooms in the PLC from local consignment shops.

\*Loren Peters (Nancy-wife) has been assigned to St Alban's as our seminarian.

\*Motion to approve the minutes from March's meeting was made by Allen Evans and seconded by John R. Minutes were approved.

Ann B dismissed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Garcia