

**ST. ALBAN'S PARISH VESTRY MEETING  
TUESDAY, 18 MAY 2010  
[Final, as amended by Vestry]**

**Call to Order and Opening Prayer**

Interim Rector John Lawrence called the meeting to order at 6:38 P.M. with an opening prayer.

**In Attendance**

Vestry Members: Nathalie Bramson, Ruth Cline, Keith Jones, Danette Gentile Kauffman, Eric Melby, Richard Parkins, Ann Ramsey-Moor, Eve Zartman-Ball. Interim Rector John Lawrence; Vestry Officers: Senior Warden Kate Bouve, Junior Warden James Sottile, Treasurer Christopher Holmes, Secretary James Tate. Staff: Ron Hicks. Non-voting representative for WSA: Joanne Elegant Brainard; Delegates: Paul Brewster, Amanda Hobart . Staff: Ron Hicks. Guests included: The Rev. Canon Simon Bautista, Lauri Fitz-Pegado, and Lin Schmale-Tate (Latino Ministry Committee); Marc Fetterman, and Cay Hartley. *Vestry members absent were Chuck Holmes, William Edgar, Oliver Eid (Youth Representative), Andrea Farr, and Jennifer Martin.*

**Report of the Latino Ministry Committee**

Latino Ministry Committee members Bautista, Fitz-Pegado, Schmale-Tate, and Parkins provided a draft one-year assessment of the Spanish-speaking congregation that has been meeting for a weekly Eucharist at St. Alban's since October 2009. The Latino Ministry has seen participation grow from 15 persons to an average attendance of 25 persons. At times 50 persons have attended services and fellowship events. Many have become regular communicants and regard St. Alban's as their congregation. Natives of at least 14 Spanish-speaking countries have been regularly represented. Most worshippers are former Roman Catholics who have little or no experience with the Anglican Church. Regular attendees, with cooperation from the Rev. Harriette Sturges have started a Sunday School class. Others have taken responsibility for a fellowship hour following the service that has become an enthusiastic celebration of community. The Committee expects to recommend continuation and support of this ministry at a future meeting of the Vestry.

**Approval of Minutes of past Vestry meetings**

Acceptance of the minutes of the March Vestry meeting (recorded by Acting Secretary Andrea Farr) was moved by Richard Parkins, seconded by Eric Melby, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Acceptance of the minutes of the April Vestry meeting, with corrections, was moved by Dani Kaufmann, seconded by Nathalie Bramson, and approved by unanimous voice vote

**Treasurer's Report**

Chris Holmes reported that income for the first quarter of 2010 was 7.1% over budget while expenses were down by 1%. Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report was moved by Eric Melby, seconded by Nathalie Bramson and passed unanimously.

### **Jr. Warden's Report**

Jim Sottile reported on two broad topics (a) Property, and (b) Finances

(a) As reported in a previous meeting the request of the Vestry, Marc Fetterman provided a contracting and costing summary of the proposed permanent handicapped access ramp planned for the side entrance to St. Alban's. The permits were submitted on 7 June. If they are complete and correct, and if they are approved by 15 August, the General Contractor, Capitol Building Services can be expected to complete the ramp by 5 November. The total cost of the ramp through the selected General Contractor is \$210,000. Following his presentation and question/answer period, the Vestry thanked Marc again for his considerable *pro bono* professional services on behalf of St. Alban's. A motion to proceed with construction based on the Marc's presentation was moved by Keith Jones, seconded by Ann Ramsey-Moor and passed unanimously by voice vote.

(b) Jim provided a copy of a resolution requiring a notarized statement that St. Alban's is the intended recipient of the account of Francine M. Swift. A motion to provide the Vestry resolution was made by Keith Jones, seconded by Eric Melby and passed by unanimous voice vote. (Note: the resolution has since been notarized by the Secretary and returned to the Treasurer.)

A motion to remove, restore, and remount the red doors on the Wisconsin Avenue side of Satterlee Hall for a set fee of \$10,000 was made by Keith Jones, seconded by Nathalie Branson and passed by unanimous voice vote.

### **Senior Warden's Report**

Kate Bouve reported on the status of the search committee for the Rector. This is expected to be a twelve to fifteen month search resulting in a report from the Search Committee providing three, unranked individuals for final consideration by the Bishop. Discussion followed.

A motion to note that the work of the Search Committee for the Rector will be considered complete upon receipt of the Search committee report unless and to the extent that the Vestry requires additional work was made by Keith Jones, seconded by Richard Parkins, and passed by unanimous voice vote.

### **Interim Rector's Report**

John Lawrence reported that Associate Rector Tim Boggs has accepted the position of Academic Provost to the Washington Cathedral. Interim Rector Lawrence plans to move forward to replace Tim with another Associate Rector as promptly as is feasible. There will be a celebration of Tim's ministry at St.

Alban's planned for 13 June. At the same event, the EFM ministry of Pat Bleicher and the EFM 2010 graduates will be held.

Elections to the Vestry will be held on 6 June, and the new Vestry will hold a retreat on the Rectory on 19 June.

Parishioner Cay Hartley presented a report on the May 2001 Dialogue on Human Sexuality and Bishop Chane's 4 March 2010 memorandum on the Implementation of the Marriage Equality Act in the District of Columbia. Following discussion, it was moved by Keith Jones, seconded by Nathalie Bramson and passed with two nay votes to table a decision on Vestry action until the next Vestry meeting, and to not vote on any such action until two Vestry meetings from today.

### **Farewell Reflections**

Departing Vestry members Keith Jones, Dani Kaufmann, and Nathalie Bramson provided their thoughts, and reflections for the benefit of the order. Kate Bouve led the Vestry in thanks for the service provided by these departing members.

### **Adjournment**

Kate Bouve adjourned the meeting at 9:05 P.M.