

October Vestry Liaison Reports

Adult Education

Shelly Vescovo has been in charge since June 1. She has reorganized the Advisory Council and reactivated the Strategic Planning Committee, and they are working together on a one to five year strategic plan. They have eight classes in place on Sundays with an average attendance of 400. There are Bible studies five days a week. Two distinguished lecturers are planned with Dr. Matthias Henze this month and Robert Boles in February. There will be Advent and Lenten quiet days with guest speakers. Saint Michael has been chosen as one of the parishes to host the Trinity Institute for three days in January. Top notch speakers have been lined up through 2007. They are working on developing a retreat ministry and are also planning a Footsteps of Paul trip in 2006. Great work and leadership!

Rita Clements

Anglican Communion/ECUSA/Diocese of Dallas:

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Sharon Alexander

Angels Among Us / Congregational Core:

Pictorial Directory:

July 3rd - present

This will be mailed to Ann Mills the week of Oct 17th. She will proof and return, so that it will be passed out at the church in the hallways sometime in December and January.

Inquirers' Class - Began Oct 12th with confirmation on Dec. 4th. They really need mentors and would love the vestry to sign up to do so. I have done this several times in the past, and it is an excellent way to assimilate new parishioners into our large congregation.

Oct 26th - appreciation luncheon for Good Shepherds

Church Survey: Ann visited 5 churches recently to discover the "best practices" of the staff person who holds the corresponding position at their church. Ann will be reporting on this further to SMAA.

Elizabeth Howard

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Book Store

A holiday preview is scheduled in the parlor on the weekend of October 19th on Friday through Sunday. Plans are underway to expand the book store by taking in a portion of the library.

Bill McIntyre

Child Development Report for October Vestry Meeting

Carol Herrman reports that Sunday morning numbers are up and staff are being shuffled to accommodate the flow.

The new infant room space is very workable and only needs a rug to complete furnishings.

New four year old class started on September 12 and is "going great". There are 11 children permanently enrolled. Two evacuees from Katrina added two more. One of these has gone home. The new space is very attractive and efficient. Vestry members are invited to visit.

According to an agreement with ESD, SMAA is limited to 30 pre-school children. Depending on demand, this restriction may need further discussion with ESD for next year.

The 20th Anniversary of Mothers Day Out at SMAA was celebrated.

Arden Showalter

Children and Family Ministries

The strategic planning process is underway with a presentation to the congregation held Oct. 2. The Sunday School Family Picnic will be held October 16. The traditional All Saints Day Parade is planned for Nov. 6. Love Boxes have been handed out in Sunday school and collection of these donations is scheduled for Nov. 13. The Edge, the 4th, 5th and 6th grade group, continues to meet 2-3 Sunday afternoons a month with emphasis on community, inreach and outreach activities. This group is sponsoring a fall festival on October 30. Proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the Hurricane Relief fund. Nativity Pageant auditions are underway

Kathy Lawrence

Communication

The Liaison Report for the Communications Committee for the Vestry Meeting on October 19th is as follows:

1. Mission Trip Folder: The committee is working on the shell that will hold information on various mission trips.
2. Chapel Brochure: The Brochure has been released by the Rector for publication and is waiting for the Cover designer to meet with the printer to coordinate the production of the cover. The designer has family affected by Katrina and has been delayed slightly.
3. Youth Ministry Brochure: Very close to being finalized and released to the printer.
4. Capital Campaign: The campaign logo has been designed. Now the letterhead, stationary, pledge cards, a 2 color brochure, and related pieces are being worked on.
5. The committee, through Chairman Forbes, has agreed to serve on the committee organized by the Vestry to monitor Vestry Action Items as part of the Reconciliation process. The committee will specifically be responsible for "Communication" items.

Bob Axley

ESD

No report

Missy Boone

Foundation

There are now 248 parishioners who are Charter Members of the All Angel Society. There will be a reception honoring them in the Parlor on Sunday, November 6 at 10:00 a.m.

Rita Clements

Human Resources

David Martin has joined the committee. Meetings have been scheduled with two industrial psychologists testing firms to review their services and determine how they might apply to SMAA's operations. Renewal negotiations are in progress for the health insurance for SMAA employees. The renewal date will be changed from February 1 to December 1 to allow for better projections for budgeting purposes. An updated organizational chart should be completed in the near future. SMAA will participate in a health insurance meeting at the diocese level with representatives from ECUSA.

Bill McIntyre

Hurricane Relief

Approximately \$150,000 has been raised for hurricane relief efforts. A portion of this has been used to fully furnish 5 dwellings and partially furnish approximately 30 more dwellings for hurricane evacuees who will likely be in Dallas for several months or perhaps permanently. The Hurricane Relief Committee has also been assisting Saint Michael parishioners who are housing evacuees, including integrating efforts with existing committees such as Angels Among Us and the Prayer Ministry. Maria D'Antoni composed a special prayer, which is available on the Hurricane Relief table in the Lanai. Two special services were held in September. There are approximately 150 volunteers for the Committee. Red Cross training has been provided to approximately 40 parishioners. The Committee is exploring potential mission/relief trips to areas affected by the hurricanes. Parishioners who have needs relating to either of the hurricanes or parishioners who wish to volunteer to help with hurricane relief efforts should contact Anna Neitzel at Saint Michael.

Sharon Alexander

Parish Life

The 60th anniversary celebration was a lovely evening, despite the wind. The Parish Hall was the site for this reception which was full of good memories and good food (even 1940's appetizers!). Upcoming events include the Oct. 30 reception for Bishop Riah, Nov. 1 dinner and discussion with 2 popular authors benefiting the Hurricane Relief fund, Nov. 6 reception for the All Angels Society and the Nov. 11 reception following the Veteran's Day service.

Kathy Lawrence

Pastoral Care:

Christie recently held an elderly care workshop for both caregivers and those receiving care. She has a Captains dinner for those involved in hospital visitation coming up in November which I plan to attend. She has not lay steering committee for pastoral care.

Elizabeth Howard

Risk Management

SMAA has offered two members for the risk management committee being formed by the diocese. Renewal planning is scheduled to begin in late November.

Bill McIntyre

Stewardship

Stewardship 2006 Commitment Sunday is October 16. Members of the stewardship committee will be collecting pledge cards at all services. Additionally, pledge cards have been distributed to the children and youth for them to complete and return.

Stewardship participation is a very integral part of SMAA as the church budget is based solely on pledges. The vestry and stewardship committee encourages every parishioner to prayerfully consider their support of SMAA and to participate in Stewardship 2006.

Missy Boone

Youth Report for October Vestry Meeting

The report from Youth is that “many good things are happening...many people are giving extraordinary time and effort” to make the program successful.

The 7th grade confirmation retreat, canceled in the fall because of weather, will be held after confirmation on February 7, 2006. A mini-retreat will be held at Church on Saturday, November 12. The class will decorate their stoles on Sunday, October 30. The last day of class will be December 4 when Father Anschutz will conduct an instructed Eucharist. Mentors are invited to attend.

A 6th grade retreat will be held at Church November 4 (6:00 – 10:00) and November 5 (9:00 – 1:00). Groups will dramatize Old Testament stories which they will share with Jubilee youth on Saturday.

A request was made for parents help in preparing simple meals for Live Wire (grades 6 – 8) gatherings on Wednesday evenings.

\$32,500 has been raised to underwrite Angel Run on October 22, promising the most successful event ever. Beneficiaries are the Youth Mission Trip and Suicide and Crisis Center.

The very busy Youth Ministry staff is learning about balance in their lives. Space continues to be a pressing concern in Sunday School when 240 youth, grades 6 – 12, gather. An ideal arrangement would be for all youth groups to meet together briefly then break into groups by grade, all using versions of the same curriculum.

Arden Showalter

Worship:

The Worship Committee met on October 18. The following topics were discussed:

1. Saint Michael's Saturday evening service was mentioned in the Religion Section of the Dallas Morning News in a story about Taize services. Christie Olsen of Saint Michael and Br. Curtis Almquist of the Society of Saint John the Evangelist in Boston were pictured in front of the altar in the Church, and Mark Anschutz was quoted in the

article. Saint Michael is the only parish in Dallas that offers a weekly Taize type service. Many people prefer this quieter, more contemplative type service.

2. On Thanksgiving Day Saint Michael will have a Eucharist service in the Chapel at 10:00 am.

3. The Christmas Eve schedule was discussed. As in the past, Saint Michael will have services at noon, 2:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 8 pm and 10:30 pm. It was noted that Christmas Eve falls on a Saturday and attendance patterns may vary slightly from patterns when Christmas Eve falls on a week day. On Christmas Day (Sunday) there will be a Eucharist at 10 am in the Saint Michael Chapel. On New Year's Eve the normal 5:30 pm Saturday evening service will be held. On Sunday, January 1, services will be held at 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am and 5:30 pm in the Chapel.

4. The upcoming Advent season was discussed, including lighting the Advent wreath at the beginning of services, no flags or banners in the procession, vestments and hymns.

5. The usher corps was asked to remove the cards filled out by newcomers from the offering plates to give directly to the receptionist to shorten the amount of time to organize the cards and have the newcomers contacted.

6. There will be a Veteran's Day service (Eucharist) on November 11 at 6:00 pm in the Saint Michael Chapel

Sharon Alexander