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**ST. PATRICK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA
January 22, 2012**

Opening Prayer

Minutes: 2010 Annual Meeting

Annual Report

**Rector's comments
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Outreach report
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RECTOR'S REPORT

Dear Friends in Christ:

I want to do something a little different this year for my Annual Parish Report. As some of you know, we had a "church reviewer" visit our church last year and post his review online. This is a web site that reviews churches of all types of denominations from around the world in much the same way that restaurants are reviewed. I don't think he got it all absolutely correct, but still I found it very helpful to see the remarks of someone from outside our congregation and community who visits a large number of churches every year.

You should know that, first of all, he was quite fond of my sermon, giving it high remarks. I will not quote him on that subject; enough said. Second, I want to say that he gave wonderful praise to our organist. I will brag on her a little bit:

Which part of the service was like being in heaven? The organist, Sally Neel, played with a high degree of professionalism and drew wonderful sound out of her little electronic instrument. The hymns were old standards for the most part, and she knew just how to pace them and phrase them to emphasize the meaning of the words.

But the main focus must be on you. He was quite impressed with the attentiveness and friendliness of everyone attending that Sunday:

On their website they say that they are "a church that loves to eat." Refreshments were served in the adjoining parish hall, a rustic log cabin type building. Coffee was hot and delicious, and served in ceramic mugs. There were also cookies and a cake to celebrate the service of a church member who was stepping down from a ministry in which she had long served. ***People continued to come up to me to say hello and to introduce me to others. Out in the parking lot, as we were all leaving, one lady bade me good-bye by name; I was flattered that she remembered.*** (emphasis mine)

On a scale of 0 – 10 asking if he would make this church his home, he remarked:

9 - This would be my church for sure if I lived in the area. ***It is a warm, friendly, active congregation who seem like they really mean it.*** (emphasis mine)

He ended by saying "yes," that the service made him feel glad to be a Christian.

WOW! This is what I thought was happening on Sunday mornings, but I am thrilled to have it confirmed. Bravo to the entire parish!

Other Things to Report

I placed a significant amount of my last annual report on two issues: outreach and "going deeper" in our faith. We continue to place a significant amount of attention on these two areas of our common life. Our outreach activities continue to reach larger numbers of people as the need for our services grows. Archuleta County has a very high unemployment and poverty rate. On top of that, many in our small middle class have moved, helping our population to actually shrink by ten to fifteen percent. As needs increase, county and other resources are decreasing. Our outreach ministries will continue to be extremely important to many people.

Last year, I used the phrase "going deeper" to describe a deepening spiritual growth for members of our parish family and for the community at large. St. Patrick's is providing many opportunities for growth, including classes, seminars, and guest speakers. The contemplative compassion study group was just one example. The women's summer bible study was another. Studies by the Daughters of the King, classes on World Religions, famous church reformers, and Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *Cost of Discipleship* all add the opportunities for the spiritual development. The parish will continue to explore ways that our parish family can grow spiritually.

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Associate Members

Over the last three years, the vestry has worked with our summer vestry members – Bob Shipman and more recently Frank Meiners – to more effectively incorporate our associate members into the life and ministry of our parish family. 2011 was an excellent year. Our associate members are very important to our parish on many different levels. While in Pagosa Springs, they become involved in outreach, liturgical, and educational ministries. They join book studies, hiking and golfing groups. This year, the vestry hosted a reception for all our associate members, giving them the opportunity to meet vestry members and each other. The summer associate members also hosted a game night after a Sunday Night Unplugged service. Both activities were very fun and built a strong sense of fellowship.

The Deficit

We continue to run a deficit budget, but that deficit has been greatly reduced since my arrival. Our deficit for my first full year here was approximately \$29,400. This year, the deficit has been reduced to just a little over \$5,500, a fact made more amazing in that several families which were large donors have moved from the state and no longer contribute. Our deficit fortunately has been covered by reserves established for that purpose, assisted by the fact that our parish family has no debt. This is all great news, but not great enough. It is important that we both use our funds to support the mission and ministry of the church and, at the same time, work toward a balanced budget. Is this the year?

Church Attendance

Perhaps the most surprising news was the increase in church attendance. Attendance is calculated using Saturday evening and all Sunday services. I calculate attendance based on the church calendar, beginning with the First Sunday in Advent and ending with Christ the King Sunday. This year our average Sunday attendance jumped from 85 to 92 per Sunday. You should know that our average attendance is greatly assisted by the participation of our associate members, especially during the summer. The once-a-month Sunday Night Unplugged service also adds to the total. This service has been effective in building its own worshipping community from non-Episcopalians and has drawn a number of new people into our church.

Regional Missioner

One final note, the bishop recently asked me to follow Fr. Andrew Cooley as the Regional Missioner for the southwest region of the diocese. To accept this position, I had to resign from the Standing Committee. This appointment will require some extra time, but primarily on my day off. I will continue to travel to Denver the same number of times per year, but each trip will be a day shorter. The position does pay a small stipend and expenses are covered by the diocese.

All in all, it was a wonderful year at St. Patrick's and I look forward to the years to come.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Douglas E. Neel

Rector's Report from the Parish Register

Sunday Eucharistic Services – 82
Weekday Eucharistic Services – 47
Services for our Shut-ins – 19
Non-Eucharistic Sunday Services – 12
Non Eucharistic Weekday Services – 23
Marriages – 0
Funerals – 2
Baptisms – 2
Total Members – 173
Average Sunday Attendance – 92 (up from 85)

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SENIOR WARDEN REPORT

"In God's House, at God's table all are welcome". "We are a community called to love and serve the Lord by God's grace". How is St. Patrick's Episcopal Church doing in that vein? From my perspective as Senior Warden:

1. First and foremost we must serve the spiritual needs of our members, and to reach out into the community. That is an emphasis of Father Doug. As Senior Warden I try to maintain that emphasis in my activities.
2. The doors to St. Patrick's are wide open. We are repeatedly told "St. Pat's is such a friendly church". Annual attendance has grown from 3700 in 2008 to 4800 this year. Perhaps more impressive is the diversity of new persons to the congregation.
3. We have always been a church with a large number of summer visitors. Over the past couple of years we have made a special effort to fully incorporate those "Associate" members into the life of the Congregation. They are such a tremendous resource. Now some serve to the extent that they are on the Vestry.
4. Our Outreach activities have grown beyond anything imagined a few years ago. We will distribute over 900 food boxes this year, over 100 Prayer Quilts, several thousand dollars to Pagosa Outreach Connection, the Rector's Discretionary Fund, and for the first time, to Loaves and Fishes. The Shamrock Festival and its associated raffles netted \$19,000 this year. The most ever!!!
5. Our Music Program, worship, Sunday Night Unplugged and other activities is recognized as a Pagosa resource. It is serving as an effective "door opener," giving people a glimpse into St. Patrick's.
6. Finally, as one charged with the responsibility of "monitoring the financial activities of the church" let me inform you that our contributions have increased for the third year in a row to approximately \$182,000. At the same time our Operating deficit has declined from nearly \$30,000 in 2009 to probably just under \$10,000 this year. Restricted accounts, monies on deposit with the Diocese and our Endowment funds remain healthy, in excess of \$100,000. St. Patrick's has zero debt! We are financially healthy BUT we need to erase our Operating deficit next year!!!!

In 2012 we plan to conduct a Visioning process. The last time we did this was in 2007. It led to the call of a full-time Priest when Fr. Pope retired in 2008. We have been blessed with the ministry of Fr. Doug. Much has been accomplished since then; much remains to be accomplished. The "face" of the congregation has changed dramatically. How do you interpret that we should carry-out the Lord's will at St Patrick's, and in Pagosa. Please join us in determining St. Patrick's future goals

Finally, thank you for allowing me to serve Fr. Doug and you as Sr. Warden. I consider it both a tremendous responsibility and privilege.

May God bless you in your daily walk with Him.

Jim Vierbicher

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JUNIOR WARDEN REPORT

This has been a year full of amazing grace and I thank each of you for your hard work and unfailing participation. We are a congregation of very giving people who don't know the word "NO". It has been my privilege to be your representative to both the Vestry and in discussions with our Senior Warden, Jim and our priest, Fr. Doug. I was specifically asked to help make a transition from Dinah Rogers being our full time everything, in the church office, to a part time everything and to find a new church secretary. There have been some bumps in the road but I think we are now moving in the right direction. I was personally sorry to see Dinah decide that retirement looked like more fun than working, but I certainly understand. I am truly grateful that Joan Scott was selected to be the new bookkeeper and believe that she and Charlotte will keep the office running smoothly.

We have a great deal to be thankful for because, living in Pagosa we truly see God's loving hands at work in the beauty all around us and in the way his people care for each other. St. Patrick's is an intrinsic part of God's work in Pagosa Springs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynne McCrudden

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ALTAR GUILD

Thanks to all the members of St. Patrick's who have helped with Altar Guild this year, especially those who donated flowers for our regular Sunday worship and for our special celebrations at Christmas and Easter.

Altar Guild has four rotating teams: Sherry Newell/Fran Smith, Sharon Vierbicher/Patty Bankhead, Muriel Cronkhite/Meg Boblit, Lynne McCrudden/Linda Warren. All are so generous and flexible with their time. Special thanks to them and to Jan Wittwer who has baked the communion bread all year. We are blessed to serve the Lord in our beautiful church.

Respectfully submitted,
Fran Smith

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

The routine maintenance on the buildings and grounds was carried out by the Men's Group. This included such things as weeding and mowing, setting up the drip system for the trees, flowers and shrubs, changing bulbs and batteries, adjusting the thermostats and periodically changing the timers (3) to operate the lights and signs to reflect the length of the days.

There were some major expense items this year. These included:

- 1) Sealing the driveway (a periodic expense to make the asphalt last as long as possible)
- 2) Repairing the damage, caused by the snow, to the kitchen exhaust fan and deflector. This repair was arranged for by Tim Miller and done by A-1 Services.
- 3) Repair of the damaged fascia on the NE side of the Sanctuary. The repair was done by Miller Construction. The damage is a result of the poor architectural design at that point, which allows huge ice dams to form, even though the area is heated with heat tape (inadequate). This problem is being addressed this year.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The Order of the Daughters of the King is an Order for women (lay and ordained) in the Episcopal Church for prayer, service, study and evangelism. We work for our rector as he is our chaplain in ways that he asks. As in the past, Rev. Neel has asked us to sponsor and host the Seder Dinner the Friday before Palm Sunday. This year we presented a kosher lamb 1st Century Dinner to the parish and community for over 40 people.

During the summer we studied Thoreau's *Walden* and we shared book choices with each other for further reading. Many of us come and go throughout the year as our schedules permit so it was decided not to meet in December, January or February.

In October we provided training for anyone who was interested in becoming a Daughter of the King and we now have five postulants that will be installed in 2012. This will bring our chapter to twenty four members.

Our Motto: I am but one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. What I can do, I ought to do. What I ought to do by the grace of God I will do. Lord, what will you have me do?

Barbara Ward, President

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EDUCATION AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

2011 was a very busy year for our parish in the number of opportunities that were given them to increase knowledge and spirit. Presentations were given by Rev. Neel on numerous topics from protestant and Anglican historical personages (with Don Ford), World religions, and Deitrich Bonhoeffer. These presentations were shared with the congregation of Community United Methodist Church.

In June we were blessed by a mini retreat given by the Rev. Sarah Berlin who carefully escorted us through her book *Contemplative Compassion*. From that a community of spiritual seekers decided to meet weekly throughout the summer for further reinforcement and training on being pastoral ministers for our parish.

Wednesday nights in the summer were a time for the women of the parish to study four different women of the Old Testament. We chose Eve, Esther, Abigail, and Miriam for our subjects and visited homes of the presenters as well.

Jan (Nanus) Wittwer allowed us to have a spiritual retreat at her riverfront home in September as we closed out the spiritual studies.

Sunday School for adults studied the book of Genesis and followed that with the movie *JOHN* as we studied that book. An interactive *DVD* and discussion guide was used for the Advent season preparations.

I am sure I have forgotten something, but as you can tell, we did have purposely planned and executed programs that filled our year.

Barbara Ward, Chair

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)

ECW (Episcopal Church Women) meets once a month, regularly scheduled for the 2nd Monday and usually hosted by a member. They plan events and activities throughout the year which benefit the church.

The annual Mammogram trip to Santa Fe was held February 15th through 17th. Twenty-three (23) women attended this fun trip which includes shopping and a group dinner.

ECW supported the Sarah Berlin Spiritual Workshop on June 4th with the funds needed for her appearance.

There was a Book Nook Sale held by Bonnie Brooks in July that raised \$340. The Book Nook has raised \$840 so far this year.

The ECW served lunches for the Habitat for Humanity workers in June & September.

The annual Bake Sale was a "No Bake" Sale this year, held at church after services and it raised a record breaking \$1,123.75. That is the primary fundraiser for ECW for the year.

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ECW assisted with the Annual Shamrock Festival which was held in August. The Garage Sale had over \$700 in **pre-sales**. All proceeds from the Shamrock Festival and raffles are specifically designated for local Outreach Ministries. ECW members in attendance at the September meeting voted on which local non-profits they wanted to receive Quilt raffle moneys (totaling \$5,000) and made their recommendations to the Vestry.

While the men had their Steak n Stein dinner in October, the ECW had a Women's Night Out at the Pagosa Brewery, with an attendance of approximately 25.

On October 22nd, ECW ran our Annual Clothing Giveaway, with around 5,000 lbs of clothes being sorted, folded and given away. Approximately 400 people came to "Shop" and walk away with free clothing.

ECW supported Operation Christmas Child with \$120 and women making up twenty-six (26) shoeboxes of gifts for the children.

ECW sponsored the UTO (United Thank Offering) again this year.

The Christmas Tea was held on December 4th. The proceeds of over \$1,000 will support the Shamrock Festival Quilt Raffle with the cost of making the quilt.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Ferko & Sharon Vierbicher

FELLOWSHIP REPORT

This past year we continued to have active fellowship for the members of St. Patrick's Church. We welcomed visitors and newcomers before services and during our coffee hours. In addition we had our pot luck dinners and tried to add some new things to the fun get-togethers. We met at a high school football game to cheer on the Pirates, and had a great fried chicken dinner hosted by the Irons family.

We had our yearly Lobster Fest hosted by the Rogers Family, but this year held it at the Pagosa Brewery where we were able to bring our own side dishes and boil the lobsters outside. We had many visitors as well as members attend. It was a good fund raiser to benefit Angel Eyes (formerly SIDS).

We had three receptions at member's homes to 1) to welcome newcomers, 2) to welcome our members who are here only parts of the year, and 3) we had a party to get the younger members and their children together. All three were well attended and great fun to get to know each other.

We continue to be known as a friendly church, and to care for each other in our church family.

Respectfully submitted

Becky Dorian

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HOSPICE MINISTRY

July 2011 Sandy Artzberger volunteered to take over the hospice coordinator ministry from Suzie Reno under the condition that Suzie would continue to mentor and guide Sandy as needed.

There have been no requests for Hospice services since July. Parishioners are reminded that the hospice coordinator maintains in our church attic a small supply of home care items (e.g., mattress pads, hospital sheets, oral swabs, and exam gloves) to donate to parishioners who need them. Monetary donations to Hospice are distributed to Centura Home and Hospice Care to assist in the care of individuals and families in our community. The Hospice coordinator also sees that Caremark brochures are ordered and stocked.

Hospice can offer material needs stated above, also a time of prayer and friendship with the person. Sandy is always open to knowing what additional needs the family has, and if possible, coordinating appropriate people and resources to meet those needs.

The hospice ministry continues to offer from 2010 the very important "5 Wishes Brochure". The brochure helps individuals and families deal with end-of-life issues such as power of attorney and desires for resuscitation. In Colorado, the "5 Wishes" is a legal document. All members of our parish family should have a document like the "5 Wishes" that makes their end-of-life wishes known to their family and church.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Artzberger

LABYRINTH

Saint Patrick's labyrinth is finished. This past summer the Youth Group of the Episcopal Church of the Ascension in Dallas and volunteers of Saint Patrick's finished the paths. Men's Fellowship members paved the paths with crushed asphalt. A sign has been installed at the parking lot level on the path leading the entrance of the labyrinth. Another sign waits to be installed at the driveway entrance, visible from South Pagosa Boulevard.

Our labyrinth is located just in the trees, directly west of Saint Patrick's front door. Our labyrinth's design is from the floor Chartres Cathedral in France. Walking the labyrinth is an act of prayer and contemplation. The labyrinth's path is symbolic of the path of one's life or a pilgrimage. Thank you to all volunteers who have supported and worked on this project over the past six years.

Sally High

LANDSCAPING

Last year I asked for those interested in this area to let me know, and I was blessed by the interest and suggestions of Bob and Carolyn Shipman. It was their initiative that got us moving on the Memorial Garden. I believe the improvements have certainly set it apart and with a wet spring we will be able to get the wooly thyme to grow around the memorial stones. But as usual there is still room for improvement.

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I would still love to have a real committee, so that I don't feel like I am wandering alone in the gardens alone. Please if you are interested let me know and we will try and get together and form a plan. Wouldn't that be fun!

For those who pitched in and weeded and watered this summer and also donated iris...a million thanks. We have a design and approval from the Vestry to replace the wooden cross with a metal Celtic cross that will be made by Drew Harbison from Hydrocut. This should be installed sometime in the spring, and if you are interested in the design I have a picture to share. I would also like to create a rock garden on the hill where the cross sits, so I will be looking for strong backs to help me move some more rocks this spring. Rest up....I need help!

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne McCrudden

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & LECTORS

Our small but dedicated group of Eucharistic ministers and lectors has been a joy to work with in 2011. I have on occasion needed to schedule some of them to serve multiple times due to the fact that we really need a few more volunteers. This year we welcome Tom Cruse as a new Lay Eucharistic Minister. We are pleased that Joanne Ferko and Katherine Cruse are now serving as lectors. Ron Jyleen has dedicated his time and efforts to training and overseeing the LEM Group in general, and we are pleased to announce that Home Eucharistic Ministers will be trained in February or March. Please check with Ron or Fr. Doug if you are interested in any of these ministries.

I am as always grateful for the cheerful, dependable, and dedicated service within our church family.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Wittwer

MEMORIAL GARDEN

The purpose and function of St. Patrick's Memorial Garden is to provide a place of quiet dignity and beauty where the ashes of church members and their immediate family may be interred. The Garden is under the direct supervision and control of the Church Vestry through the Rector and Memorial Garden Committee.

St. Patrick's Memorial Garden was dedicated and consecrated by Fr. Robert Pope on Sunday, June 15, 2008. Out of the twenty-two available spaces, nine have been sold.

Joan Scott

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Men's Fellowship began the year under the able leadership of Bob Pohly. When Bob and Kathy moved to Oregon, it was clear that the loss of his leadership left a significant vacuum with no experienced individual willing to take up the lead. So, as Vestry Liaison and less than a year back with St. Pats after several years in the east, Tom Cruse attempted to pick up the threads. It was the willingness of our usual and some new volunteers that kept us going in 2011. Thanks always to Jim Dorian, Jim Vierbicher, Jeff Schaupp, Bill Newell, Bryan Sickbert, Kenny Rogers, Chuck Bankhead, David Brooks, Jim Ferko, and apologies to those I have neglected!

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The attached 2012 schedule is based on the various meetings and tasks that the Men's Fellowship undertook in 2011. While the men generally respond to tasks that are set by the ECW (so what is new there?), some initiative was apparent. We had two speakers for the Steak & Stein events, thanks to Jim Vierbicher. The first was Mark DeVoti who spoke on the upcoming but unsuccessful bond issue for the combined campus concept. The second was Ron Linblad who spoke on his new role leading the Community Development Corp (CDC). Kenny and Dinah Rogers did another outstanding S.I.D.S. benefit and lobster feed. Bill Newell and Ken Jones again led the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. Jim Dorian got our float set up for the St. Patrick's Day parade that featured our own Rector impersonating the Saint himself, cardboard miter and all. Bryan Sickbert took on the critical role of coordinator for all the men's efforts supporting this year's highly successful Shamrock Festival. Finally and most importantly, four of us were expertly led but largely skunked on our fly fishing expedition on the Conejos River – thanks to Bill Newell.

The biggest NEW event was the Rifle Raffle that was conceived of and led by David (and Bonnie) Brooks. The Rifle Raffle earned sales of \$5020 with the recipient of this special rifle a part-time resident here who lives in Utah. The men have accepted the challenge of defining and operating a raffle in 2012 with the goal of another \$5,000 for the Outreach program. Work has started with David to come up with some attractive options on what might be raffled.

The other NEW item the Men's Fellowship has agreed to take on in 2012 is providing the Shamrock Festival meal – cooking and serving. The menu proposed by and to be cooked by Bill (and Fran?) Smith is lasagna to be served with potatoes, salad, and suitable beverages.

Thanks to all the men who participated in 2011! Onward and upward...!!

Tom Cruse, liaison

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
2012 Scheduled Activities**

January 21	Monthly Fellowship Meeting at 8:30 a.m.
February 15	Possible dinner out for those whose wives are going on the mammogram trip to Santa Fe Tom Cruse
February 18	Monthly Fellowship Meeting at 8:30 a.m.
February 21	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Bill Newell and Kenneth Jones
March 17	St. Patrick's Day Parade; No monthly meeting Jim Dorian and Tom Cruse
April 21	Monthly Fellowship Meeting at 8:30 p.m.
April Events	Possible dinner out for those whose wives are going on ECW Retreat Tom Cruse Church in Navajo Land Jim Dorian
May 16	Steak and Stein Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Jim Vierbicher
June 16	Monthly Fellowship Meeting at 8:30 a.m. Help the ECW set up for Bake Sale S.I.D.S. Benefit Dinner and Lobster Feed (Date TBA) Kenny and Dinah Rogers

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July 21	Monthly Fellowship Meeting at 8:30 a.m.
August 18	Monthly Fellowship Meeting at 8:30 a.m.
August Events	Set up for the Shamrock Festival Chuck Bankhead Prepare dinner and serve for the Shamrock Festival Bill Smith Conduct raffle ticket sales for Men's Fellowship Item David Brooks
September 7-8	Men's Fly Fishing Trip to the Conejos River Bill Newell
September 15	Monthly Fellowship Meeting at 8:30 a.m.
October 17	Monthly Fellowship Meeting at 8:30 a.m.
October 18-20	Help the ECW with the Clothing Give-Away Tom Cruse and Chuck Bankhead
November 17	Monthly Fellowship Meeting at 8:30 a.m.
December 15	Monthly Fellowship Meeting at 8:30 a.m.

MUSIC PROGRAM

Music is not only an important part of our worship in the Episcopal Church, it is also a very special ministry that helps to draw new people into our church community. Whether it is through Sunday worship, special concerts, or Sunday Night Unplugged, music provides a very important spiritual link to the Divine.

More and more people from outside our church community have come to appreciate St. Patrick's as the church that provides beautiful music. St. Patrick's also provides one of the few acoustically satisfying venues for musicians to perform in our community.

St. Patrick's Choir, directed by Sally Neel, is dedicated to providing music for our weekly worship services as well as music for Holy Week and Christmas Eve. The choir rehearses each Thursday afternoon at 4 p.m. in preparation to present music for worship and to the glory of God. Members of St. Patrick's Choir use their gifts for ministry with a great sense of purpose, seeking to grow both in musical technique and into a deeper sense of God's presence among us through song.

In July, we held our second annual choral workshop under the direction of Peter Schindler. People from around Pagosa Springs studied and sang "Gloria" by Antonio Vivaldi and presented it for the Sunday Night Unplugged service. We plan to make this an annual event.

We also enjoyed a performance by pianist, Tony Saladino, who brought other musicians to join him in presenting a wonderful evening of classical and jazz music for a full audience. A portion of the proceeds were donated to the church.

This year, on Christmas Eve, the 5pm family service enjoyed piano music provided by Aiden O'Donnell and his father, Sean, as well as violin music by the young grandchildren of Becky and Jim Dorian who were visiting from Kansas. The children of the parish performed a delightful pageant written by Lynne McCrudden and Sharon Vierbicher and sang a special song prepared for the service. The formal service began at 7:30 pm, with beautiful Christmas music provided by Sarah and Graham Dorian, along with Jessica Peterson and Heidi Tanner. The adult choir had a record number of fourteen singers who sang two challenging and well-prepared anthems that enhanced the beauty of the service.

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We at St. Patrick's are blessed by the faithful service of our choir members. Some are part time members, others sing throughout the year. The choir is a ministry that always is open to new members and welcomes and appreciates the dedication of all who serve.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Neel
Organist and Choir Director

NAVAJO LAND PROJECT

This year the men's group installed new fascia board on the Hogan and ran and installed electricity, outlets and a ceiling fan.

The project involved two trips in order to get measurements, make a plan and do the actual installations. A third trip was necessary to rebuild and paint the Hogan door. The boards were 100' of 2 x 6 Cedar and were painted brown. The electricity involved the fan, outlets, a 100 amp breaker box and approximately 150' of #6-3 wire.

The men's group participants were Jim D, Carl Nelson, Jim White, Bill Newell, Frank Dixon and others.

Jim Dorian

NURSERY

What a wonderful year 2011 has been for the St. Patrick's Nursery—we had approximately 70 kids! That's 10 more than last year!! Arts and Crafts, games and puzzles are a big part of what we do and it's very common for us to have paint and glitter everywhere! We also, love watching Veggie Tales.

Once again, we want to say thank you for the money that was allotted to the Nursery in the budget. It has enabled us to continue to purchase craft materials, holiday goodies, and snacks.

We are still looking to accumulate more toys for the one year old (and under) kiddos, who occasionally make an appearance, so if you know of anyone who is looking to get rid of some toys, please let us know.

Thank you, to whomever, fixed the ladder on one of the slides! The kids really enjoy being able to play on all three slides.

Kaity is off at college; however, we look forward to seeing her around the holidays and over the summer depending on her competition cheering/stunt schedule. Thank you to everyone who prayed for her a few months ago—she has fully recovered from her health scare!!

Renee and I look forward to an even better 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robin Curvey

OUTREACH ANNUAL REPORTSummary:

The following report is intended to give you both a ministry insight and financial accounting for our three primary Outreach Efforts that operate outside of those efforts by the ECW and the Men's Fellowship. The three are the Food Pantry, Pagosa Outreach Connection, and Loaves & Fishes ministries.

Food Pantry Ministry:

This ministry is our largest outreach effort in terms of the numbers of persons and families that we have directly helped this year. During the first half of the year, the entire burden of leadership for this critical outreach ministry fell to Bill and Sue Gottschalk and Nancy Williams. Following Bill's wrist injury, food inventory, ordering, and shelving shifted briefly to Bob Pohly who thought it wiser to move to Oregon! Then, Chuck Bankhead and I formed a tag-team on food supplies. Volunteer organizing also came to us when Sue and Nancy asked for a well-deserved break. We owe Sue and Nancy a continuing thanks and kudos for the job they do.

The Food Pantry Ministry is also our most expensive outreach effort. Fortunately, we are nearly break-even for the year that gives us confidence to keep this faith-based program going into 2012. The bottom line, up front is that we can expect to start next year with a relatively good balance due to some generous gifts during the month of December - both in cash as well as in food donations to fill our shelves.

12/31/10 Food Pantry Account Balance:	\$2,943.98
12/12/11 Food Pantry Check Book Balance:	\$3,307.16
12/31/11 Estimated Year End Balance:	\$2,500.00

The impact of this year's Food Pantry ministry on those in our community is best seen by spending two hours of your time on a Thursday meeting some of the individuals and families who come for the food boxes. Some come most every week. Others have come only occasionally as their needs change. Each week, though, new persons come for various reasons, job lay-offs, health issues, divorce, family problems, etc. Each case is unique and I invite you to seriously consider this very real, front-line discipleship!

The data for this year speaks strongly to the obvious increase in the needs of our community and the spread of information about our Food Pantry. We report weekly to the County on the following recipient data to help them assess the overall issues of hunger and poverty that exists in Archuleta County.

The table includes an estimate of the December boxes but the income and expenses shown for December are actual to date. The expense per box is calculated on a monthly basis by taking the expenses that month and dividing by the number of boxes that was handed out. Obviously, our inventory of food items fluctuates considerably so the average at the bottom of the table, the expense per box of \$ 16.23 is pretty close to the mark. By using the list price for each item in our food box "menu", I compute a "cost" of about \$22 per box. The difference is due primarily to the food items that individuals donate each week. This is a BIG contribution from our membership and friends. Even as I write this we are receiving food donations that match our menu pretty closely from the San Juan Outdoor Club, the Salvation Army, a local liquor store that features the Pagosa Sun article on the three major food pantries in Pagosa Springs, with extensive coverage of the St. Patrick's Food Pantry, and the Chamber.

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	Balance	Boxes	Year Over Year	Adults	Children	Income	Expenses	Exp/Box
Jan-11	\$3,432.60	86	172%	139	53	\$2,190.00	\$1,701.38	\$19.78
Feb-11	\$2,970.44	82	256%	133	51	\$122.00	\$584.16	\$7.12
Mar-11	\$2,386.08	90	209%	146	60	\$2,571.00	\$3,155.36	\$35.06
Apr-11	\$1,781.56	62	144%	101	56	\$415.00	\$1,019.52	\$16.44
May-11	\$5,314.52	69	157%	111	40	\$4,150.00	\$617.04	\$8.94
Jun-11	\$4,926.71	59	311%	85	34	\$297.63	\$685.44	\$11.62
Jul-11	\$4,326.03	44	138%	69	40	\$67.00	\$667.68	\$15.17
Aug-11	\$4,002.78	71	187%	103	33	\$1,320.85	\$1,644.10	\$23.16
Sep-11	\$3,765.67	77	145%	120	35	\$629.05	\$866.16	\$11.25
Oct-11	\$1,115.99	101	177%	181	52	\$464.25	\$3,113.93	\$30.83
Nov-11	\$2,824.83	80	125%	149	46	\$2,255.00	\$546.16	\$6.83
Dec-11	\$3,307.16	100	128%	181	52	\$1,343.22	\$860.89	\$8.61
Averages		61	179%			\$799.43	\$894.80	\$16.23
2011 Totals		921		1518	552	\$15,825.00	\$15,461.82	

The food boxes are roughly intended to feed four persons for at least two days, or an appropriate modification of this depending on the family size, ranging from one to several. The menu is mostly fixed each week based on expected consumption but includes a few items that change from week to week. The strictly-meat items are the two cans of tuna and the one-pound roll of frozen ground turkey that are handed out each week.

St. Patrick's Food Pantry – Box Contents

Canned Beans (Red, Pinto, Black)		1
Canned Spaghetti,ravioli, etc.		1
Canned Tuna		2
Canned Vegetables		2
Canned Pork and Beans		1
Canned Soup, Regular		1
Canned Soup, Hearty		1
Spaghetti, Macaroni, Angel Hair Pasta, etc.		1
Canned Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta Sauce, etc.		1
Box Macaroni and Cheese		2
Box Breakfast Cereal		1
Fruit		1
Crackers - 1 sleeve		1
Cornbread Baking Mix		1
Hamburger Helper		1
Tuna Helper		1
Ground Turkey		1
Peanut Butter	Week 1 and 3	1
Jelly	Week 1	1
Quick Rolled Oats	Week 2	1
Pancake Mix	Week 3	1

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Syrup	Week 3	1
Rice	Week 2 and 4	1

The income to the Food Pantry comes from the following sources, each of which is vital to the continuing health of this critical ministry:

- Members and friends who make designated, cash gifts
- Grants. In 2011 we received two generous grants from the Dominica Family and El Pomar Foundations.
- Grants from the St. Patrick's Outreach Fund Raisers which commit 100% of the raised funds to various local charities. There were two grants this year.
 - o 2010 Shamrock Festival (ECW)
 - o 2011 Rifle Raffle (Men's Group)
- Again, the cost is not directly computed, but each week, members donate food items representing a cost savings of several dollars per box – that could be as much as \$5,000 to \$6,000 in-kind donations.

The financial breakdown for the year through mid-December 2011 is as follows.

Cash donations	\$4,541.78
Foundation grants	\$4,500.00
Fund Raiser Grants + One transfer	\$6,783.22
Total Income to 12/15/2011	\$15,825.00

It is very important to note that all of the St. Patrick's Outreach programs operate totally independently of our operating budget. There is a very simple reason for that – since committing to calling a full-time priest three years ago, the operating budget has not yet reached break-even. It is key that we keep the two separate so that the appropriate priorities can be assessed and commitments made by each individual when making financial support decisions. We must have a viable parish if we are to have a viable outreach program at St. Patrick's.

Pagosa Outreach Connection (POC) Ministry:

St. Patrick's is one of about sixteen local organizations that meet each week to consider making small grants to individuals, couples, and families who find themselves in an short-term, emergency funds condition. These organizations include the county human services office, local churches and fellowships, the LPEA, Salvation Army, and the AM Rotary, along with St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. Fr. Doug is our prime POC representative.

Some of these cases involve having their power cut-off or losing their heat and cooking propane service. Some are in danger of losing their rental home because they have fallen behind and cannot make up the past-due amount while able to stay current. Some have sudden medical conditions that require travel to Durango or Denver and lack the money for fuel and/or local motel accommodations. Whatever the emergency, POC's focus is providing one-time, limited financial assistance to get past the emergency and providing counseling or other resources to assure the person or persons can move past the emergency.

Applications for POC assistance come through the Archuleta County Social Services office that chairs the POC proceedings. Each case is considered on its merits with representatives weighing in on knowledge of the applicants, questioning whether the request is a valid need,

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discussing the prospects that this assistance is likely to resolve the need, defining a required role for the applicant in getting past the emergency, and so on. Some requests are rejected.

If the consensus is to help, then each organization considers providing some of their funds toward the need. Typically, the grants are on the order of a few hundred dollars. Individual organizational contributions range from about \$10 to \$100. When the "bidding" adds up to the need, the bids are recorded and the next case is considered. Some weeks there are but 2-3 applications, other weeks it may be ten or more.

Funds for the POC are sent as needed or able to the POC treasurer. The treasurer puts these contributed funds into the POC checking account but keeps a running file of each organizations balance of contributed funds as well as grant contributions. We get a monthly run on the St. Patrick's sub-account with the POC.

The St. Patrick's Episcopal Church contributions through November, 2011 include 86 participations in POC grants, an average of nearly eight per month. The average contribution is about \$47 over the 86 participations. The following is a summary of the POC finances for St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

Starting Balance	2011	\$870
Expenditures to date	\$4,030.00	
Income		
Shamrock Festival	\$1,500.00	
Rector's Discretionary Fund	\$1,000.00	
Other contributions	\$ 810.00	
Balance 11/30/11		\$ 150
Vestry transfer Dec/11	\$ 280	\$ 430

PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY

St. Patrick's Prayer Quilt Ministry was started in April 2005. We currently have about 15 active members with a wide range of quilting experience. In 2011 we made and presented 115 prayer quilts, since our inception we have given almost 800 prayer quilts. This ministry is so rewarding for our members that no one seems to mind the extra effort it often takes to get a quilt ready when someone is in need. We are continually inspired and moved by the responses we receive from those who have been touched by a prayer quilt.

Prayer is a powerful tool that God has provided for us. Our ministry has chosen to combine the gift of a quilt with the gift of prayer for someone in need. The only requirement of the recipient is that he or she has asked us to pray for them and has agreed to accept a prayer quilt. When we are asked to make a prayer quilt, we piece the quilt top, layer it with batting and back it with fabric that has a cross pieced into it. We sew a binding strip around the outside to finish the raw edges, add a personalized label and make stitches through the three quilt layers with heavy thread, leaving the ends free to be tied.

The next step is the most important: we gather as many people as possible to participate in praying and tying the quilt layers together. This usually includes our quilting group, friends

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and family of the quilt recipient and the members of our congregation. Each person ties the threads into a square knot while saying a silent prayer for our quilt recipient.

There is never a charge for a prayer quilt; it is a gift of love and prayer. We depend entirely on private donations and have never turned down a quilt request. God truly provides all that we need to carry out this effort.

Individuals interested in joining our group need not be quilters, for there are numerous ways one can participate. We meet every Thursday at 2:00 pm in the Parish Hall and also schedule occasional quilting workshops. Please join us, everyone is welcome!

Joan Scott

SHAMROCK FESTIVAL

This year's Shamrock Festival was held on the 13th of August, which was earlier than previous years. The reason was to keep it away from the same weekend as "Art in the Garden," which is the Methodist Church's fundraiser for Outreach. This turned out to be a wise decision, not only because of the weather, but we had good community support.

The format was similar to past years, with Garage Sale and Book Nook in the morning, and then the Cocktails, Dinner and Silent Auction starting in the late afternoon. What was added was a reading by Music Booster's on Friday night. It was presented as a preview of the Silent Auction and reading of a play. The attendance was better than they were expecting, but the confusion and stress caused for the Silent Auction chair persons, made the committee decide to try not to hold this event on the same weekend. The dinner was catered by the Plaza Grille, and youth from our church and the Youth Center served. It was decided that having a catered dinner was not worth the cost and it still left several hardworking committee people cleaning up after the dinner.

Other suggestions were to offer either the Youth Center or our own youth the opportunity to run a bake sale and coffee during the morning events. The proceeds would to be kept by the youth. It was felt that having goodies for sale, plus coffee, would keep people around longer and perhaps buying more. It was also decided that we need better signage on the road, so that passerby's knew there was something going on at church. Another suggestion by the committee was to have only heavy "hors d'oeuvres" rather than a dinner because of the increasing cost of putting on a dinner, and the amount of clean up required that evening.

This year we also had a "Tent Service" on Sunday morning, which was very well attended, in spite of the rain. After the service hot dogs, chips and sodas were served and people stayed around playing guitars and singing. The quilt raffle was very successful and raised \$5,000, and the festival raised \$9,000. Additionally the Men ran a rifle raffle which did not end at the Festival, but was an opportunity for the men to sell tickets. The Rifle raffle ticket was drawn on September 9th and it raised \$5,000 also. Our outreach fundraisers were very successful this year and every ones hard work is very much appreciated!

Respectfully submitted

Lynne Mc Crudden

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SUNDAY NIGHT UNPLUGGED

Sunday Night Unplugged is a monthly meditation service that features guest musicians from our community who blend their talents with prayers and readings to help focus our hearts and minds on God's love and grace. This year's guest musicians included the string quartet, Divertimento; pianist and singer, Perry Schjolin; Celtic music by Darcy and Sean Downing; a Taize service featuring saxophonist, Bill Gottschalk; cellist, Sarah Dorian; The St. Patrick's Festival Choir under the direction of Peter Schindler; cellist, Kate Kelly and classical guitarist, Stephany Bouschier; classical saxophonist, Bob Nordman; trumpeter, Larry Elginer; string instrumentalist, Paul Roberts; and Lessons and Carols with the Pagosa Springs High School Choir under the direction of Dan Burch. Each musician brought his or her own special gifts that gave a lovely overtone of spiritual beauty to the prayers and readings offered.

Sunday Night Unplugged has grown this year to an average attendance of 52 people (up from last year's average of 35), its popularity spreading throughout the community as a beautiful and unique way to experience the power of the Holy Spirit. St. Patrick's continues to offer SNU as a means of spiritual growth and as a tool for evangelism in our community; an opportunity to reach out to those who may not have experienced services at St. Patrick's in a regular worship setting. Its comfortable non-pressured approach makes SNU a favorite, not-to-be-missed form of worship for many in our community.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Neel

UNITED THANK OFFERING

The mission of the United Thank Offering is to invite people to offer daily prayers and thanksgiving to God and to make a tangible offering of coins in the little blue UTO box. Here at St. Patrick's this year the boxes were made available in early November, with the ingathering scheduled for mid-January. The monies collected will be used to address compelling needs not only in our diocese but throughout the world.

Respectfully submitted,
Fran Smith

WEBSITE

St. Patrick's website www.stpatrickspagosa.org was created and launched in July 2008.

The site features a page welcoming visitors; the Shamrock newsletters; a church calendar of events; photos; and several pages containing information about our church ministries and activities. Since the website went online our stat counter has registered well over 8,500 hits, more than 3,500 were in 2011.

Joan Scott

**ST. PATRICK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING 2010 – JANUARY 23, 2011**

Meeting was called to order by Fr. Doug at 11:35 pm Attendance Count: 53

Minutes: A motion was made by Don McLeod, seconded by Dick Bond and was passed to accept the Minutes as written for the Annual Meeting of Jan. 17, 2010.

Bylaws – No changes or proposals.

Parish Elections Committee – Jim Vierbicher

Jim reviewed the Vestry positions open for new terms and to complete vacated positions:

Jr. Warden	Lynne McCrudden
Vestry, 3-year terms:	Tom Cruse, Ron Jyleen, Sally High
Vestry, 2-year term/Special Election:	Barbara Ward
Vestry, 1-year term/Special Election:	Becky Dorian
Vestry, 1-year term/Summer Rep.	Frank Meiners

All nominees have been asked and have agreed to serve, and all names are entered.

Fr. Doug asked for any floor nominations, there were none.

Sally Neel made a motion, seconded by Dave Swindells to vote by acclimation to accept the list of nominees as presented; the motion carried.

Thanks were given to the new members, and to those who have completed their terms this year: Loretta Barker, Dick Boblit, Connie O'Donnell. Linda Altman was thanked for her service as Jr. Warden and for heading up our successful 2010 Stewardship campaign.

Sr. Warden Appointment

Fr. Doug has asked Jim Vierbicher to serve again this year as Sr. Warden, and he has accepted.

Discussion – Size of Vestry.

Bill Crouse opened comments about reducing the size of our Vestry group (9 Vestry Members & 2 Wardens); is it effective for the size of our parish, & whether the size is determined by Canon or Bylaws. Canon laws require 3-15 members in addition to a Sr. and Jr. Warden. Points considered included coverage of Vestry's ministry responsibilities with fewer members. Suggestions included recruitment of more people including new members to committees to help Vestry members, and looking at changes that better fit the changes in our community economic situation. Fr. Doug noted that this would require a restructuring of our leadership and communication. A proposal was made that the Vestry size be discussed by Vestry members to be presented at next year's Annual Meeting. Changes would require discussion and approval by the parish.

Jim Vierbicher suggested that an ad hoc Bylaws Committee be formed to discuss Vestry size, as well as ideas that involving ways to better serve our summer people, as suggested at the Resort Area Parishes Retreat this year. Michael McCrudden stated that Bylaws' changes need to be presented by a representative ad hoc Bylaws Committee at the Annual Meeting or at a specially called Parish Meeting.

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RESOLUTION

A resolution was proposed by Michael McCrudden to resolve that during the coming year, Vestry and a Committee take a closer look at our Bylaws' leadership structure; the motion was seconded by Dave Swindells and was passed.

Treasurer Report – Hank Williams

Reviewing financial report, look at YTD end of year Revenues which shows \$10,000 over what we had budgeted for 2010.

Expenses – net deficit was -\$25,318; we had budgeted expenses to be \$ -36,000. Expenses were almost the same as last year (except for a rate increase in health insurance). The conclusion is that we have a positive report. Our challenge is now to reduce the \$25,000 deficit; the figures shown here show that we can do that.

2010 Questions on the Budget:

Sally Neel asked what the plan is to reduce the deficit, beyond planning to increase pledges and contributions. Hank explained that we do have a plan in place, which will be addressed here in the review of our 2011 Budget. Basically, our goal is to be neutral/(balanced?) in 1 year.

Charlotte Jones thanked Hank for his work on the budget. Jim V. gave thanks to Hank, Dick Boblit and Dinah who worked together to resolve the problems in the fall resulting from our computer hard drive failure.

Fr. Doug reviewed the Process to Develop the Budget. There are two Vestry responsibilities by Canons & Bylaws:

- 1) The Vestry are the legal representatives of the parish;
- 2) The Vestry is responsible for adopting the budget for the parish.

The Vestry provides to the Finance Committee set goals for the coming year to the Finance Committee; the Committee drafts a budget, which is given to the Vestry who uses it as a foundation to create a budget for the year and approves it. This year's goal was to get back to a balanced budget.

PRESENTATION OF THE 2011 BUDGET – Jim Vierbicher

The Vestry is responsible for financial oversight and the preparation of the budget. The Financial Committee including Jim V., Dick Boblit, Hank Williams, Linda Altman, Rudy Sapper and Fr. Doug started preparation of the 2011 Budget in October.

Chief goal is to reduce the budget, and to balance it as soon as possible. Things have gone quite well this year in light of losing parishioners who moved away; 2010 Contributions show that our programs are working well, and it was asked, what else can we do to improve?

Attendance in this calendar year was up to 90 /Sunday average.

Contributions were up from \$155,000 to \$170,000.

The Financial Committee suggested for 2011 that rather than projecting our new year's income, we make the budget figures balance themselves – to show us what Contribution level do we need to reach to balance Expenses.

The basic structure of the 2011 budget is quite basic and was reviewed. A major change is Outreach being taken out of the operating budget. Bottom line: \$210,270 Operating Expense, Budget 2011 is \$213,745.

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Clergy salary remains the same. Administrative costs will include hours for Charlotte, to take over office functions; Dinah (reducing hours) to cover financial duties. Music expenses are reduced with one organist (Sally). Deficit should easily go to \$ -10,000 - \$ -15,000. Deficit reduction can be credited to increased support of ministries & Spiritual Growth, and a successful Stewardship campaign in 2010; Congregation growth; the setting up of a Transitional Fund in 2008 of \$71,000 (\$16,000 remaining), as well as other reserve funds, to cover increased costs for full-time clergy.

Some discussion ensued for holding our Stewardship Drive during the summer when part-time parishioners are here; Linda Altman noted that all received the same letter and follow-up, and noted that our summer people do return pledges and make considerable contributions. We will try to address ways to involve summer people in ministries.

A Summer Ministry Fair was suggested. Thanks were given to Linda for her leadership in our campaign this year.

The removal of Outreach from the 2011 budget was discussed; an additional \$32,000 came in last year in donations for Outreach 2010 into Income (fund 4013 Designated Donations to Outreach). The 2011 Budget reflects the amount it takes to operate the church only, so Outreach was removed.

The Outreach Revenue and Expenses Report was reviewed. Many non-monetary donations are made that are not reflected in financial reports; distribution of outreach also requires placing a value of food boxes (\$25/each) and of prayer quilts (\$40/each). Rector's Discretionary Fund reflects actual dollar amounts donated & distributed.

Sources of Revenue were discussed, including a \$2,000 foundation grant for the food pantry in 2010, which was just renewed for 2011. Records reflect that we will need to come up with \$10,000 in parish donations or other sources to maintain our level of Outreach activity. (Currently, this \$10,000 is not budgeted as 2011 Revenues, letting the Budget stand alone more clearly, showing actual Operations costs/income).

Currently, monthly budget status is noted in Sunday bulletins; it is suggested that this include a note for "Outreach goal is \$xxx short of goal".

Our monthly assessment (percentage of Contributions) donations to the Diocese (10%) and to the SW Region (2%) were discussed including what these donations cover in our State parishes and in our region, including grants to support priests' benefits & church shortfalls. Accountability of these funds is the responsibility of the Diocese Standing Committee on which Fr. Doug serves, there are annual audits of expenses & revenues. The Committee prepares the Diocese Budget. It was noted that the amount given to Pagosa Outreach programs compared with the large amount given to the Diocese is commendable. The 10% figure represents a tithe.

It was requested that at next year's Annual Report, a more detailed assessment by the Vestry be given to reducing our assessment amount – in light of the serious needs in our parish and region, and direct funds to covering local needs. Use of Diocese funds, was discussed; is it consistent with helping our community. It was noted that the Diocese paid for \$12,000 in increased clergy medical insurance costs for Fr. Doug in 2009. Fr. Doug said that our Diocese helps parishes more than any others he has been involved with, including clergy help, Vestries

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and Ministries. Most of funds come in and support the Front Range. SW Region offers direct support to our area.

Sally High recommended we check the Diocese website, where budget information and account of spending is posted, and to see St. Patrick's place in the State.

Investment Funds -Review

Raymond James (set up in 2008, for \$56,000) is currently at \$73,509.

Colo. Episcopal Foundation Endowment	\$25,555.
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Colo. Episcopal Foundation –Legacy	\$ 6,199.
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Cash Available

Cash includes the checking account, savings account, Transition Fund and Reserve Fund, totaling approximately \$250,000 available for use at the discretion of the Vestry.

A motion was made by Barbara Ward, seconded by Michael McCrudden, to accept the Treasurer's Report and 2011 Budget, the motion carried.

Michael McCrudden commended the Wardens and Vestry for best explanation of the church's financial status and future planning to be presented in the past 5 years, and thanked all for a marvelous job in reporting to the parish.

Rector Report – Fr. Doug Neel

Fr. Doug discussed our need to understand our deficit and of our planning to cover it in 3-4 years and balance our balance. He accepted the call to St. Patrick's right before the fall of the economy, and learned to be prudent & to trust in the Lord. He thanks our outgoing Vestry and people who have moved away, for Loretta & Barbara's dedication to spiritual direction, to Connie for heading up the Sunday School program & co-chairing the Shamrock Festival, to Linda A. for her good work as Jr. Warden, to Dick Boblit for his service as Treasurer, Board Member of CEF, and regularly helping with building duties and snow shoveling, to Dinah who is cutting office hours back to focus on administration & financial duties, Charlotte Jones who was hired in January to take over office duties (she has worked for 4 priests at St. Patrick's previously). Appreciation of the parish was noted for Dinah's work and ministry to the parish.

Sr. Warden Report – Jim Vierbicher

Jim V. thanked Fr. Doug for the honor of serving as St. Patrick's Sr. Warden, and thanks the congregation for their support, and stressed his belief in the huge potential of this parish.

Jr. Warden Report – Linda Altman

Linda thanked everyone for their support and for their response to the pledge campaign. She also said that we must continue our work of evangelism and inviting people to our wonderful church.

Jim and Linda were thanked for their service as our 2010 Wardens.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment at 1:00 pm

Submitted,

Dinah Rogers

Vestry Clerk