

**MINUTES**  
**BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Saint Thomas Of Canterbury Episcopal Church**  
**Temecula, California**

**Monday, December 15, 2008, 6:00 pm**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Father Robert, Vicar, Peter Mandery, Junior Warden, Tom Meden, Kay Bemis, Martha Dudley, Jenn Cole and Judy Pellam, Clerk

**Absent:** Ashley Lemons, Patty Macias, Donna Happ and Jack Rees, Treasurer

**I. Call to Order:** Father Robert called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**II. Office for a Church Meeting**

**III. Approval of Minutes of November meeting:** Peter made a motion to approve the minutes, Martha seconded the motion, the motion carried.

**IV. Vicar's Report: Father Robert**

A. Church Building Update: foundation is complete.

B. Transition (to new building) Task Force will begin in 2009 with Kay Bemis as Chair.

C. 2009 Church Calendar Update: package being mailed Saturday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> containing the Calendar, Newsletter, Offering Envelopes and Building Fund Pledge Cards.

D. Robert R. Dudley Memorial Building Fund: Bank is expecting us to come up with an additional \$500,000. and this is a way we can honor Bob for all that he did for St. Thomas.

E. Vacation: December 29<sup>th</sup> through January 5<sup>th</sup>.

F. Mutual Ministry Review: to be held Saturday, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> in the church office, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, and it was decided everyone will bring a lunch and snack, croissants and juice will be provided for breakfast.

G. Nominating Committee (BC & Convention 2010): have six candidates for BC – Andrea Noren, Mary Lou Thomas, Vince Walton, Faisal Sipra, Peter Mandery and Ashley Lemons, not sure how many candidates for Convention.

H. Brian Scoles and Ashley Lemons are delegates to convention for 2009 with Chad Lemons and Martha Dudley as alternates.

I. Annual Meeting of the Mission: Sunday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> at Meadowview Clubhouse and Judy will chair a potluck luncheon with dishes from the St. Thomas Cookbook. Joan Wanner will help coordinate and a BC Member is needed to oversee the meeting.

J. Miscellaneous: Kay made a motion to authorize Father Robert's housing allowance in the amount of \$33,000. Peter seconded the motion and motion carried.

**V. Treasurer's Report – Father Robert for Jack Rees**

The November financial reports for the Church, Thrift Shop and Preschool were presented following previous review by the Finance Committee. All were discussed by the BC and referred by the Vicar to the Audit Committee.

**VI. Bishop's Committee Member Reports**

**A. Stewardship: Time, Talent, Treasure – Ashley Lemons** (no report)

--Father Robert said so far we have received 98 pledges for \$205,000.

**B. Outreach – Tom Meden**

--Thank you to parade participants and refreshment providers.

--Preschool people want to participate in parade next year.

--We placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the parade this year.

--About 210 pounds of food was taken to the pantry at Thanksgiving.

--ECS food contributions amounted to over 300 pounds of food and we will participate in this drive again next year.

--Adopt a Family for Christmas program is going well.

--Will have the Super Bowl Food Drive again in 2009.

**C. Administration; Office Volunteers – Judy Pellam** (no report).

**D. Administration: Property – Peter Mandery** (no report).

**E. Administration: Communication/Multi-Media – Martha Dudley**  
(no report).

**F. Administration: Finance – Father Robert for Jack Rees**

--2009 Budget for Church, Thrift Shop and Preschool – after discussion by the BC, Tom made a motion to approve all three budgets as a package, Kay seconded the motion and motion carried.

--2007 and 2008 audits – 3<sup>rd</sup> company contacted seems to be the most promising prospect.

**G. Christian Education – Peter Mandery**

--Preschool director has been contacted about presenting a parenting discussion on the first Sunday in February, could turn into a series.

--Marlene Oaks will be starting a new bible study in January.

**H. Saint Thomas Episcopal Preschool – Jenn Cole** (no report).

--Father Robert reported that Ali had a fall at the preschool and injured her tailbone.

--Next Preschool Committee meeting will be held Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**I. Saint Thomas Thrift Shop – Donna Happ** (no report).

--Father Robert would like each BC member to contribute \$30.00 to help cover the cost of the Christmas party which went very well.

**J. Parish Life: Pastoral Care – Kay Bemis**

- A group has been put together to bring Florence Ferger to and from church.
- Prayers and Squares doing well and staying busy.
- Not much going on with OSL and DOK.
- Next Pastoral Care Committee meeting will be held Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>.

**K. Parish Life: Worship – Father Robert**

- Lectors met in December.
- Next Worship Committee meeting will be held Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Richard Stone has volunteered to coordinate ushers for 9:30 service.

**L. Parish Life: Fellowship – Patty Macias (no report).**

- Next Fellowship Committee meeting will be held Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>.

**VII. Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Next Bishop's Committee meeting scheduled Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the office.

Respectfully submitted

s/Judy Pellam

Clerk Of The Bishop's Committee