

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

**Monday, October 20, 2008, 6:00 pm**

**ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:** Father Robert, Vicar; Bob Dudley, Senior Warden (via telephone); Kay Bemis; Tom Meden; Donna Happ; Ashley Lemons; and Judy Pellam, Clerk..

**ABSENT:** Peter Mandery, Junior Warden; Patty Macias; Jenn Cole; Martha Dudley; and Jack Rees, Treasurer.

- I. **Call to Order:** Father Robert called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm.
- II. **Office for a Church Meeting**
- III. **Approval of Minutes of September meeting:** Donna made a motion to approve the minutes, Kay seconded the motion, the motion carried.
- IV. **Vicar's Report: Father Robert**
  - A. New Member Orientation: About twenty attended; eighteen new families have been welcomed recently.
  - B. Clergy Retreat: Very good.
  - C. Church Building Update: ahead of schedule
  - D. Miscellaneous Items: we will be producing our own calendars for 2009; individual meetings with BC member and Vicar will be held as needed; a photocopier was donated to the church.
- V. **Senior Warden's Report: Bob Dudley – No report.**
- VI. **Treasurer's Report—Father Robert for Jack Rees (absent)**

The September 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.
- VII. **Bishop's Committee Member Reports**
  - A. **Stewardship: Time, Talent, Treasure—Ashley Lemons**
    - Stewardship Conference, September 20, cancelled due to illness
    - Every Member Canvas has begun; Being the Church Luncheon, October 12, was a success
  - B. **Outreach—Tom Meden**
    - donations of school supplies, food and animal supplies were discussed.
    - will hold a World Series food drive October 26 and November 2 and letter will be sent to the winning team.
    - Tom would like to designate one Sunday each quarter to donations of animal supplies.
    - November and December activities include Adopt A Family project and the Temecula Christmas Parade; youth group and preschool to be in the parade.
    - next Outreach Committee meeting will be held October 21

- C. Administration: Office Volunteers: Judy Pellam – No report.**
- D. Administration: Property: Peter Mandery, Junior Warden (absent)**
- E. Administration: Communication/Multi-Media: Martha Dudley (absent)**
- F. Administration: Finance: Father Robert for Jack Rees (absent)**  
--2007 audit: waiting for third bid
- G. Christian Education—Father Robert for Peter Mandery**  
--1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Discussion: Father Charles/Amanda Rines; excellent  
--New: Movie Night off to a slow start  
--New Book Discussion format going well  
--Education for Ministry will likely have enough people to have a group.  
--Edible Bible will resume on the fifth Sundays of the month.
- H. Saint Thomas Episcopal Preschool— Father Robert for Jenn Cole (absent)**  
--school copier lease is up in January and will not be renewed.  
--Donna has a scanner she will donate to the preschool.
- I. Saint Thomas Thrift Shop—Donna Happ**  
--volunteer program is underway, several new volunteers have signed up and a meeting will be held to introduce them to the shop.  
--Christmas Thrift Shop party was discussed and it was decided the BC will provide the party on December 14 at the shop.
- J. Parish Life: Pastoral Care—Kay Bemis**  
--Kay needs an update on Stephen Ministry; Father Robert suggested she contact Bob Dudley.  
--OSL membership is down.  
--Prayers And Squares is booming.
- K. Parish Life: Worship—Father Robert**  
--Blessing of the Animals, Sunday, October 5, 3:00 pm, went extremely well.  
--Liturgical Ministers Meetings: Chalice Bearers met in October; Lectors to meet in November  
--Acolyte training will be Saturday, November 1  
--Paula Arlich's last Sunday as our 9:30 pianist was October 19; Father Robert will be meeting with a variety of people to decide how to proceed.
- L. Parish Life: Fellowship—Patty Macias**  
--Greening of the church will be held December 21; Ashley will work with Patty on the details.

**VIII. Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next Meeting Scheduled November 17, 6:00 pm, in the Church Office.

Respectfully submitted

s/Judy Pellam  
Clerk Of The Bishop's Committee

