

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

Monday, November 24, 2008, 6:00 pm

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Father Robert, Vicar; Peter Mandery, Junior Warden; Martha Dudley; Kay Bemis; Tom Meden; Jenn Cole; Donna Happ; Ashley Lemons; and Judy Pellam, Clerk..

VISITORS: Letty Rojas

ABSENT: Patty Macias; 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 October meeting:** Tom made a motion to approve the minutes, Kay seconded the motion, the motion carried.
- IV. **Vicar's Report: Father Robert**
 - A. Bob Dudley *Rest In Peace* : Father Robert commented on Bob's great support of Saint Thomas of Canterbury.
 - B. Church Building Update: Footings poured
 - C. 2009 Church Calendar Update: will be sent out mid-December
 - D. Location Signs: placed at all our sites telling where each is located
 - E. Nominating Committee (BC & Convention)—Martha Dudley, Chair; Peter Mandery, Ashley Lemons: Have five names for three, 3-year BC terms and one 1-year term
 - F. Miscellaneous Items: Safeguarding God's Children paperwork needs to go to Bishop's Office
- V. **Treasurer's Report—Father Robert for Jack Rees**

The October 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**

--Pledge cards are coming in and committee will start calling those members who have not pledged by December 1.
 - B. **Outreach—Tom Meden**

--Held Outreach Committee meeting on November 18. Busy time of year with Christmas Parade and refreshments, adoption of families and the forming of the Kazoo band.

--January outreach will include the Super Bowl food drive.
 - C. **Administration: Office Volunteers—Judy Pellam (no report)**
 - D. **Administration: Property—Peter Mandery, Junior Warden (no report)**
 - E. **Administration: Communication/Multi-Media—Martha Dudley (no report)**

F. Administration: Finance—Father Robert for Jack Rees

--Still working on getting bids for 2007 audit.

G. Christian Education—Peter Mandery

--There will be a new bible study starting in January.

--After-School Program will end on December 10 as interest is waning.

H. Saint Thomas Episcopal Preschool—Jenn Cole

--Preschool happenings will be included on new calendar.

--Children will be participating in the parade and the Christmas family adoption and they also participated in “shake up” day.

--Preschool tuition will go up 3% effective January 1.

--Are getting inquiries from the new property sign.

--Children will be collecting food for the needy.

--Preschool Christmas program will be December 18 at 7:00 pm.

I. Saint Thomas Thrift Shop—Donna Happ

--Shop has been very busy.

--Christmas party will be held December 14 at 5:00 pm and Donna will get together with Bill Liesman on what is needed, Kay will help Donna. Members of BC to provide necessary funding for party.

J. Parish Life: Pastoral Care—Kay Bemis

--Prayers and Squares is doing very well.

--Not much interest in OSL or DOK but DOK members will be going to convention in July.

--Need new Stephen Ministry leader.

K. Parish Life: Worship—Father Robert

--Lectors will meet on December 13;

--Nativity sets will be on display at the 4:00 pm service on Nov. 30th.

--Liturgical Ministers Meetings: Greeters/Ushers met in November;

--Lectors to meet in December (due to scheduling issue, Lectors & Greeters/Ushers swapped their times); Kay will call to remind people.

L. Parish Life: Fellowship—Patty Macias (absent)

--The Fourth Saturday hikes are being discontinued due to lack of participation.

--Greening of the Church will be the Fourth Sunday of Advent after the 11:00 am service; will include chili lunch; asking for lights so fluorescents won't be needed; Ashley Lemons is coordinating.

VII. Adjourn

Next Meeting Scheduled December 15, 6:00 pm, in the Church Office.

Respectfully submitted

s/Judy Pellam

Clerk Of The Bishop's Committee