

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

Monday, January 19, 2009, 6:00 pm

ATTENDANCE

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

VISITORS:

ABSENT: Donna Happ; Tom Meden; and Jack Rees, Treasurer.

- I. Call to Order:** Father Robert called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.
- II. Office for a Church Meeting**
- III. Approval of Minutes of December meeting:** Minutes were corrected to show that Donna Happ was present; Kay made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, Martha seconded the motion, the motion carried.
- IV. Vicar's Report**
 - A. Church Building Update: structure is going up well and building is on schedule to be completed by August 1.
 - B. Thrift Shop Christmas Party held Sunday, December 14: was fun but still need \$20.00 to cover the cost.
 - C. Robert R. Dudley Memorial Building Fund
 - Bishop's Committee Members participation: all BC members are asked to pledge and the thermometer of giving will be updated regularly.
 - D. Continuing Education Week: January 12 through January 18
 - Father Charles Celebrating/Preaching on Sunday, January 18
 - E. Mutual Ministry Review: Held Saturday, January 10, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, church office: Questions to be answered by BC will be on next month's agenda.
 - F. Final Bishop's Committee Meeting for: Martha Dudley, Ashley Lemons (unless reelected), and Peter Mandery (unless reelected)
 - G. Annual Meeting of the Mission: will be held Sunday, January 25, 12:30 pm, at Meadowview Clubhouse
 - Judy reported that arrangements for the luncheon at the annual meeting are coming along well; Father Robert will recognize the Youth Group for their help.
 - H. Transition Task Force: Kay Bemis, Chair
 - i. Kay would like to have 6 to 11 people on the Task Force, including representatives from the thrift shop and the preschool.
 - ii. Church web sites will be checked to see what is being given away that we might be able to use.
 - I. Transition Task Force: Kay Bemis, Chair

- J. Miscellaneous
 - Kay will put an announcement in this week's Sunday Bulletin asking as many people as possible to attend Diocesan Convention.
- V. **Treasurer's Report—Father Robert for Jack Rees**

The December financial reports for 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**
 - Ashley will contact Canon Wendfeldt to reschedule Stewardship Workshop at Saint Thomas of Canterbury (May 16 or 30).
 - B. **Outreach—Tom Meden** (absent)
 - Next Outreach Committee meeting: Tuesday, January 20, 6:30 pm
 - C. **Administration: Office Volunteers—Judy Pellam**
 - Sharon is increasing the number of Collection Counters to about twelve.
 - 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**
 - 2007/2008 audits: Three accounting firms have submitted bids for these audits. All were in the \$6,000.00 to \$8,000.00 range per year. We are requesting that these same firms submit bids for a review in addition to the bids for an audit.
 - Next Finance Committee meeting: Thursday, February 12, 7:00 pm
 - G. **Christian Education—Peter Mandery**
 - Discussion will continue with Ali Jude to develop a parenting class presentation.
 - Bible Study at the home of Marlene & Gilbert Oaks began in January
 - Kathy Foxen is reviewing other lectionary-based Sunday School curricula and working on a Lenten program to involve children and families.
 - All current programs are being reviewed.
 - Next Christian Education Committee meeting: Thursday, January 29, 7:00 pm
 - H. **Saint Thomas Episcopal Preschool—Jenn Cole**
 - The Committee did not meet in January.
 - Ali is promoting the preschool, giving tours, and working on getting a group to stay next year for our new kindergarten.
 - Next Preschool Committee meeting: Thursday, January 22, 6:30 pm
 - I. **Saint Thomas Thrift Shop—Donna Happ** (absent)
 - Father Robert reported that Donna and Andrea Noren will present report for the Thrift Shop at the Annual Meeting.
 - Search for volunteers continues.
 - Next Thrift Shop Committee meeting: Wednesday, January 21, 9:00 am
 - J. **Parish Life: Pastoral Care—Kay Bemis**
 - Lay Eucharistic Visitors to meet January 31, 10:30 am
 - Next Pastoral Care Committee meeting: Monday, February 9, 11:00 am, in the church office

K. Parish Life: Worship—Father Robert

--Church furniture will be rearranged for Lent.

--Liturgical Ministers Meetings: Lectors met in December

--Next Worship Committee meeting: Saturday, February 21, 10:30 am, in the church office

L. Parish Life: Fellowship—Patty Macias

--Fellowship Committee meeting held: Saturday, January 17: Three goals identified for 2009—(1) continue with successful outings and events such as the Storm Game, Greening of the Church, Church Barbeque, Soup Suppers during Lent, and fundraisers; (2) seek out new fellowship activities such as bowling night, Christmas Caroling, ice skating, theater trips, etc.; (3) identify specific interest/age groups, such as over-60, children, families, couples, singles, and find people to represent each group to coordinate with Patty.

--Patty will give a report on the Fellowship activities at the Annual Meeting.

--Next Fellowship Committee meeting: Saturday, July 18, 10:30 am, in the church

VII. Miscellaneous

A. Kay talked about the upcoming Diocesan work-day to help fire victims on Saturday, February 21; she will put something in the newsletter.

B. Patty looking into Invite A Friend Sunday

C. Martha's last BC meeting was celebrated

VIII. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted

s/ Judy Pellam

Clerk Of The Bishop's Committee