

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

Monday, February 16, 2009, 6:00 pm

ATTENDANCE

Present: Father Robert, Vicar, Kay Bemis, Senior Warden, Tom Meden, Donna Happ, Vince Walton, Mary Lou Thomas, Peter Mandery, Jack Rees and Judy Pellam.

Absent: Ashley Lemons, Patty Macias and Faisal Sipra

- 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 January meeting:** Tom made a motion to accept the minutes, Kay seconded; the motion carried.
- IV. **Vicar's Report**
 - A. Welcomed new Bishop's Committee Members:
 - Three-year terms: Ashley Lemons, Peter Mandery, Vince Walton
 - Two-year term: Mary Lou Thomas
 - One-year term: Faisal Sipra
 - B. Election: Treasurer, Clerk of the Bishop's Committee, Junior Warden
 - Known Candidates: Jack Rees, Treasurer; Judy Pellam, Clerk of the Bishop's Committee; Peter Mandery, Junior Warden.
 - Donna moved to close the nominations, Tom seconded; motion carried.
 - Candidates were approved by acclamation
 - C. Annual Meeting of the Mission: Sunday, January 25, and had good attendance, fine food, wonderful fellowship, and heartwarming youth participation.
 - D. Bishop's Committee Orientation/Retreat was held February 14; members present agreed the retreat was informative and a great introduction for the new members.
 - E. 2009 Committee Liaisons will be reviewed by Father Robert.
 - F. Church Building Update: windows are in, trim is on, and the weather has not slowed things down.
 - G. Robert R. Dudley Memorial Building Fund: Father Robert requested that BC member pledges be turned in without delay; \$312,000 has been pledged to date.
 - H. Mutual Ministry Review Sheets due: some were turned in at the meeting; others will be sent to Father Robert as soon as possible.
 - I. Transition Task Force: Kay Bemis, Chair
 - The Task Force will hold group tours at our new property on March 22nd, April 19, May 24, and June 28 at 1:00 pm; cookies and punch will be served.
 - Task Force Committee meeting: March 7 at 10:30 am at the church; Kay asked all BC members to attend.

- The physical move was discussed; it was noted that preschool parents are willing to help move; youth group can also participate.
- Move to be completed so that rent and mortgage payments do not overlap.
- The Bishop will come September 20 to celebrate services and consecrate the new building.

V. Treasurer's Report—Jack Rees

- A. January financial reports for the Church, Thrift Shop, and Preschool were presented following a prior review by the Finance Committee.
- B. The reports were discussed and referred to the Audit Committee by Father Robert.

VI. Bishop's Committee Member Reports

- A. Stewardship: Time, Talent, Treasure—Ashley Lemons (absent).
- B. Outreach—Tom Meden

- January report, not received in time for the January meeting, was reviewed.
- Tom reported that the Super Bowl Food Drive again mirrored the Super Bowl outcome; the congregation donated ?? pounds of food.
- Patty's Jacket Drive collected ?? jackets.
- February and March will focus on Episcopal Development and Relief.
- Committee will be looking for volunteers for food pantry.
- American Cancer Society received \$100 from the Valentine's Day child care event hosted by our youth group.
- Next Outreach Committee meeting: February 17 at 7:00 pm.

- C. Administration: Office Volunteers—Judy Pellam

New counters have started and we hope to eventually have 12.

- D. Administration: Property—Peter Mandery (no report)

- E. Administration: Communication/Multi-Media—Vacant

- F. Administration: Finance—Jack Rees

- 2007/2008 audits: bids from three companies for either a full audit or a financial statement review were discussed; one bid is still to be received.
- Next Finance Committee meeting: Thursday, March 12, 7:00 pm

- G. Christian Education—Peter Mandery

- Marlene Oaks will be conducting a Lenten program on forgiveness following the Stations Of The Cross services.
- Amanda Rines will be coordinating Centering Prayer and a retreat will be held on March 14 from 1:00 to 4:00 in the church.
- Next Christian Education Committee meeting: April 30, 7:00 pm.

- H. Saint Thomas Episcopal Preschool—Vacant

- Reviewed written report from Preschool Director on current enrollment, staff and upcoming events.
- Next Preschool Committee meeting: Thursday, February 19, 6:30 pm

- I. Saint Thomas Thrift Shop—Donna Happ
 - Thursday morning devotions continue.
 - Donna will take leave of absence from shop during winter months in order to stay well but will continue to work on recruiting more volunteers for the shop.
 - Next Thrift Shop Committee meeting: Wednesday, February 18, 9:00 am
- J. Parish Life: Pastoral Care—Vacant
 - Minutes of the January 9 Pastoral Care Committee meeting were reviewed.
 - Lay Eucharistic Visitors met January 31 with Father Robert.
 - Next Pastoral Care Committee meeting: Monday, September 14, 11:00 am, in the church office
- K. Parish Life: Worship—Father Robert
 - Liturgical Ministers Meetings: Chalice Bearers met in February; Lectors to meet Saturday, March 14, 10:30 am
 - Lent – Furniture in church will be rearranged, Ash Wednesday services – 7:00 am, 12 noon and 7:00 pm; Stations of the Cross services – Friday evenings at 6:30 pm.
 - Jean Kornegay has stepped down as Altar Guild Director after 19 years; Donna Happ has volunteered to take over that ministry.
 - Peter invited everyone to attend the March 13 Stations of the Cross service when the children read and help with the supper.
 - Next Worship Committee meeting: Saturday, February 21, 10:30 am, in the church office
- L. Parish Life: Fellowship—Patty Macias (absent)
 - Will need donations of pancake mix, syrup, butter and juice for the pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday.
 - Tom asked if the preschool kids could make a mitre to put on the Bishop’s hard hat when he comes and it was also noted that new members on the BC will need hard hats.
 - Bishop’s Committee will furnish refreshments for Sunday, February 22.
 - Next Fellowship Committee meeting: Saturday, July 18, 10:30 am, in the church

VII. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted

s/Judy Pellam
Clerk of the Bishop’s Committee