



THOMAS MERTON CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2017, 7:30 P.M., THOMAS HOUSE
MINUTES

Present: Bill Voorhees, Rosana Madrigal de Beattie, Mike McMahon, Helen Bunje, Gerard McGuire and Vicki Sullivan

Absent: Mary O'Connor

Guests: Carmel Caligaris, Evelyn Rose and Richard Placone

Agenda Introduction:

Meeting leader: Vicki

Meeting prayer leader: Helen

Meeting secretary: Rosana

Ongoing Business:

1. Carmel Caligaris, Advancement Director and Evelyn Rose, Principal presented three possible ways to support of Seton School. **ACTION:** Mike moved and Bill second and all agreed to approve \$4,000 for English Enrichment Book Bags for Pre-K to 3rd grade (1st grade is already the model.)
2. Richard Placone said The Church's appalling silence on racism is already in the TMC bulletin along with others. Instead, he would like to set aside an hour plus to brainstorm with the TMC Board on the future structure of the organization.
3. Review January Board Minutes-**ACTION:** Bill moved to approve, Mike second with the changing Helen to Helena Wee, and Mary was the Prayer Leader and it was approved.
4. TMC Public Policy Distribution. Helen took it to Spiritual Education Committee and commends the members for their organizing February 18th A Sheep Challenges the Shepherds, a presentation by The Ewe at Mitchell Park Community Center.
5. Annual Appeal and Finance Report done see January Report.
6. Prayer Service San Jose Diocese & Muslims-**ACTION:** Vicki will send out link on it.
7. Annual Meeting Organization **ACTION:** Special recognition for **Judy Creek** who has handled TMC books since organization's inception. Bill will rotate off the board and thus there is a need for at least one candidate. It will be held on May 21, 2017 at the Foley home. Bill will put together a binder on the organization of the TMC Annual Meeting.
8. Abolishing the Death Penalty in California and Speakout Committee's Diana Diamond and Kay Williams sent letter for Governor Brown to commute the death sentences of those currently on California's death row. **ACTION:** No response yet.

Committee Reports

1. Finance: Mike reports a \$1,053.05 deficit and see above other items.
2. Spiritual Education - see above
3. Liturgy **ACTION:** None
4. Hospitality **ACTION:** None
5. Speakout - see above
6. Website **ACTION:** None

New Business:

1. The church's appalling silence on racism – **ACTION:** Per emails Bill reported Jim Davis to draft statement.
2. Computer for TMC-Kay Williams **ACTION:** Mike moved and Helen second to allot up to \$600 for our half of the computer, Kenya Help is providing the other half.
3. Software may be needed for Mike and Helena Wee, who has agreed to take over for Judy Creek and signature Cards to be done when turnover is complete.

Adjournment – Rosana moved, Mike Second and all present approved.

Closing prayer - faith sharing

Next meeting: March 9, 2017; Thomas House

Next meeting leader: Vicki

Next meeting prayer leader: Mary

Next meeting secretary: Rosana