



THOMAS MERTON CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 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

Agenda Introduction:

Meeting leader: Vicki

Meeting prayer leader: Vicki

Meeting secretary: Rosana

Ongoing Business:

1. Review February Board Minutes-**ACTION:** Gerard moved to approve, Bill second and it was approved.
2. Annual Membership Letter hand-delivered/mailed. Note in bulletin. **ACTION:** Good Job. Thanks!
3. The \$4,000 grant approved in February for Seton School's English Enrichment Book Bags for Pre-K to 3rd grade (1st grade is already the model.) will be accepted, only if other outstanding grants are not approved. **ACTION:** Vicki to follow-up.
4. Bill supplied a hand-out on the Annual Meeting Organization on May 7, 2017. **ACTION:** Organization will be done at the TMC Board Meeting on April 13, 2017. In addition, approved to move May **TMC Board Meeting moved to May 4, 2017.**
5. New/Renew TMC Board Members Bill is leaving after 6-year. Gerard accepted to serve a second term. Judy Swope agreed to run for the board. **ACTION:** Rosana will write draft TMC Annual Meeting Letter and Ballot.
6. The Church's appalling silence on racism **ACTION:** Edits and Links needed on draft from Jim Davis before he posts on website and it is placed in the TMC bulletin. Also, Vicki to ask if Presiders will talk about racism.
7. Computer for TMC-Kay Williams-TMC paid half/Kenya Help paid other half **ACTION:** Thanks!
8. Purchase software for TMC-Helena Wee and Mike **ACTION:** Cost will be \$200 each
9. Future structure of the TMC with Board/Richard Placone. **ACTION:** None

Committee Reports

1. Finance: Gerard motion and Helen second that the proposed 2017 Budget be approved and it was. Mike reported TMC taxes done and approved.
2. Spiritual Education - February 18th A Sheep Challenges the Shepherds, a presentation by The Ewe at Mitchell Park Community Center was a great success! On March 11th Retreat to me with all your heart...return to the God...with Sister Marilyn Wilson, BVM, will take place at Our Lady of the Rosary.
3. Liturgy **ACTION:** Vicki to ask if Presiders will talk about racism and current issues during Homilies. Request lectors adjust the mike and remember to look up.
3. Hospitality **ACTION:** None

4. Speakout **ACTION:** Gerard will go next meeting to request that they ask Bishops to send a similar TMC letter to Governor Brown to commute the death sentences of those currently on California's death row.
5. Website **ACTION:** None

New Business:

1. Companions for the Journey are 3-TMC prayers groups for Lenten Season.

Adjournment

Closing prayer - faith sharing- Helen

Next meeting: April 13, 2017; Thomas House

Next meeting leader: Vicki

Next meeting prayer leader: Bill

Next meeting secretary: ???