



THOMAS MERTON CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2018, 7:30 P.M., THOMAS HOUSE
APPROVED MINUTES

Present: Gerard McGuire, Mike McMahon, Mary Seabury, Ann Akey
Absent: Helen Bunje, Judy Swope, Mary O'Connor

Agenda Introduction:

Meeting leader: Gerard

Meeting prayer leader: Gerard

Meeting secretary: Ann

Ongoing Business:

1. Review of July minutes **ACTION:** None – will wait for quorum next month.
2. Review of annual meeting minutes. Rosana sent the agenda but no minutes. **ACTION:** Gerard will send Ann his notes and Ann will type them up.
3. TMC Board term limits and bylaws. Gerard has a copy of bylaws from Bob Foley. There doesn't seem to be mention of term limits. Board size went from 12 to 9 to 7 but it is unclear when. New members need binders. Mike explained many requirements of the Board. We don't need to file bylaws changes with the Attorney General (Registry of Charitable Trusts). We do have to file State (990) and federal tax returns (199) each year. We also need to file a list of officers with the Secretary of State every two years. The State sends a letter asking for this; Mike last filed in January. Mike presented a copy of the latest submission. **ACTION:** Gerard to research and report back to the Board
4. 2019 International Thomas Merton Society Meeting. No more news yet. **ACTION:** Keep on agenda.
5. Getting news from committees. When and where do they meet? Dates and times of meetings for spiritual education and liturgy committees are on website <https://thomasmerton.org/events>. **ACTION:** Gerard will email for a list of members and when/where they meet.
6. Binder for annual meeting is still missing. Neither Eleanor nor Mike knows its whereabouts. **ACTION:** Mike will ask Bill
7. Signatories- Current signatories Mary Coady, Bob Foley, Maureen Locke, Kay Williams, Jim Davis, and Anna Jaklitsch Mike updated us with a change in internal policy: Checks over \$1,000 need two signatures; formerly it was checks over \$500. **ACTION:** Add Mike, Mary S. Take off Coady and Foley. Mike will speak with Helena.
8. Gifts for Outgoing Members **ACTION:** Table until next meeting when Judy is here.
9. Henry Organ – D.P. letter **ACTION:** Gerard will talk with Henry Organ to see if he has a draft and try to secure support from the pastor and the CA Conference of Bishops.
10. Explore option of automatic online donations to TMC. A cost/benefit analysis is needed. **ACTION:** Mike will follow up

Committee Reports

1. **Finance.** The July financial results was presented and explained by Mike.
ACTION: Accepted as presented. Mike will open a savings account at Wells Fargo to move over account from Morgan Stanley.
2. **Spiritual Ed.** Upcoming events are on website. On Sunday October 14, 2018 Author Kate Hennessy will speak on her book *Dorothy Day: The World Will Be Saved by Beauty*.
3. **Liturgy** – no report
4. **Hospitality** – no report
5. **Speak out** – no report
6. **Website** The Board reviewed the website. “You can find out a lot”
<https://thomasmerton.org/>
7. **Site committee** – Steps are approved by city, parish, and diocese. Work is scheduled for April, May, June

New Business:

1. Online automatic donations to TMC. **ACTION:** See above.

Adjournment- 8:20pm
Closing prayer – Gerard
