



THOMAS MERTON CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2018, 7:00 P.M., THOMAS HOUSE  
**APPROVED MINUTES**

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

**Agenda Introduction:**

Meeting leader: Gerard

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Meeting secretary: Ann

**Ongoing Business:**

1. Review July minutes **ACTION:** Approved
2. Review Minutes of Annual Meeting **ACTION:** Approved with amendment
3. Review minutes of August Board Meeting **ACTION:** Tabled until Mike is present for quorum
4. Review minutes of September Board Meeting **ACTION:** Tabled until Mike is present for quorum.
5. TMC Board bylaws updating. We are still looking for copies that show changes made since 1998 – esp. change in the number of Board members from 9 to 7. **ACTION:** Judy will ask Helen if she has copies. Gerard will ask Bob Foley. Helen will check with Maureen Locke. Ann will look on TMC website.
6. Liaison with TMC committees. We once again considered the best ways to stay informed; having Board members sit in on committee meetings may help. **ACTION:** Gerard will develop a schedule for Board members to visit meetings of the Spiritual Education and Liturgy Committees. He will also include the Speakout committee if it is active. Vicki is willing to occasionally visit the Board meetings to report on Site Committee activities so that is not in the rotation.
7. Annual meeting planning notes status. Helen brought them to the meeting. – Vicki found them and Mary O'Connor found some additional notes. The Board discussed determining a safe place to store important documents in the Thomas House including these notes and the Board Bylaws. **ACTION:** Gerard will organize papers in a binder and bring back next meeting.
8. Gifts for outgoing members. Anna confirmed that she has mugs. **ACTION:** Judy will remind her to look for them.
9. Signatories on bank accounts: **ACTION:** Tabled until next meeting when Mike is present.
10. Death Penalty letter. The letter is to ask Governor Brown to commute sentences. **ACTION :** Tabled
11. Automatic online donations. **ACTION:** Tabled until next meeting, Mike is researching.

**Committee Reports**

1. Finance. Mike sent a financial report for September. **ACTION:** Accepted as submitted.
2. Spiritual Education Kate Hennessey's talk was appreciated. Gerard reviewed the upcoming events the Spiritual Ed committee had shared with us last month and are on website: Father Kiriti 10/27, Fr. Kevin Ballard (December), Michael Higgins (February).

3. Liturgy – no report
4. Hospitality – No report
5. Speak out – No report. **ACTION:** Helen will speak with Henry Organ
6. Website thomasmerton.org - No report
7. Site committee – No report

### **New Business**

1. TMC Adopt-a-Family Christmas program is going ahead.
2. International Merton Society Conference. June 27-30, 2019, Santa Clara. **ACTION:** Invite Anna Jaklitsch and Kay Williams to next meeting for update.

**Place on your calendar the TMC Board meetings at 7:00 pm, on second Thursday of the month, at Thomas House :  
November 15, 2018 & December 13, 2018**