



THOMAS MERTON CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
THURSDAY, JAN. 10, 2019, 7:00 P.M., THOMAS HOUSE
APPROVED MINUTES

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

Absent:

Agenda Introduction:

Meeting leader: Gerard

Meeting prayer leader: Judy

Meeting secretary: Ann

Ongoing Business:

1. Review August minutes **ACTION:** Approved
2. Review September minutes **ACTION:** Approved
3. Review October minutes **ACTION:** Approved
4. TMC Board bylaws updating. It is still unclear when the size of the Board changed. **ACTION:** Gerard will make copies for all members to pursue before the next meeting. Mary will try to help convert the paper copies to a digital format. Mike will ask Bob and Helen will ask Maureen for more of the history of the Board.
5. Liaison with TMC committees. A schedule was drawn up for visits to different committees in February. **ACTION:** Mike will attend the Spiritual Ed. Committee meeting and Judy will attend the Liturgy Committee meeting. Helen will find out if Speak Out is still meeting. Ann will ask Vicki if she is willing to attend one of our upcoming meetings to give us a site committee update.
6. Annual meeting planning notes status. Gerard passed notes received from Vicki to Ann. The question was raised about whose term would be over in May, 2019 and Helen commented that she was ready to step down. The next TMC Annual Meeting is scheduled for 19th May, 2019. **ACTION:** Ann will scan the most important documents from the folder of meeting notes. Ann and Gerard will organize papers in a binder and bring back next meeting. Helen will speak with Kathy Morrow to see if she might be interested in being on the Board.
7. Gifts for outgoing members. Judy now has two remaining mugs. **ACTION:** Judy will present one to Rosana.
8. Signatories on bank accounts: **ACTION:** Mike now has what he needs to move forward with changing signatories on the TMC Bank accounts.
9. Automatic online donations. Mike spoke with people at the Rotary Club and he recommended that we not pursue this further. **ACTION:** Deemed not worthwhile as benefits not worth the cost.

Committee Reports

1. Finance. Mike presented the final financial report for the entire 2018 year. TMC had a cash balance of approximately \$65,000 at the end of the calendar year. He also explained the separate

bank account, holding funds for the Jane Bahr bequest. He went over a list of her wishes for how that money should be spent. **ACTION:** Accepted as submitted.

2. Spiritual Education Michael Higgins is scheduled to offer a presentation on Feb 23rd 2019 on an imagined shared retreat between Thomas Merton and Martin Luther King, Jr..
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 – we will continue to visit it.
7. Site committee – No report.

New Business

1. International Merton Society Meeting. **ACTION:** Gerard will extend an invitation to Anna and Kay to attend our next meeting.
2. TMC donation to parish. Helen suggested that we consider a regular donation to the parish both because parish income is falling and because we rely on parish facilities. Following discussion all agreed that a donation would be appropriate but that we might want to explain this to the TMC Community at the next annual meeting. **ACTION:** The Board agreed on an amount of \$400/month. Mike will ask Helena to issue a check for January, 2019 and present it to Father Stasys when he is the Presider at the TMC Mass on the 20th Jan, 2019.

Please place on your calendar the TMC Board meetings at 7:00 pm, on second Thursday of the month, at Thomas House: February 14, 2019; March 14, 2019; April 11, 2019; May 9, 2019; June 13, 2019; July 11, 2019; August 8, 2019; September 12, 2019; October 10, 2019; November 14, 2019; December 12, 2019