



THOMAS MERTON CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2019, 7:00 P.M., THOMAS HOUSE

APPROVED MINUTES

Present: Gerard McGuire, Mary O'Connor, Judi Swope, and Mary Seabury

Absent: Ann Akey, Helen Bunje and Mike McMahon

Agenda Introduction:

Meeting leader: Gerard McGuire

Meeting prayer leader: Mary Seabury

Meeting secretary: Ann Akey

Prayer leader next meeting: Mike

Secretary next meeting: Ann

ONGOING BUSINESS

- 1) Review and Approve March Board Minutes – Review was tabled since there was not a quorum present as only three Board members were also at the March meeting
- 2) TMC Board Bylaws Review – Tabled. Must give at least 30 days for notice for any changes to be approved.
- 3) Board liaison with TMC committees update – Postponed further discussion until next month. Ann to attend Spiritual Education Committee in May (5/20/19), Gerard will attend the Liturgy Committee in June (6/10/19)
- 4) TMC Annual Board Meeting Planning
 - a) New TMC Board Member search
 - 1)) Larry Lopez is still considering the position after Mike McMahon asked him.
 - 2)) Diane Marie (Mardi) Herte accepted the position after Gerard McGuire extended the offer.
 - 3)) Gerard McGuire will ask Gerard Vurens if Larry declines.
 - b) Board Meeting will be held at Vicki and Larry Sullivan's house (1345 Webster Street, Palo Alto) on Sunday, 05/19/2019.
 - c) Board will use the same vendors as in the past.
 - d) Rentals – 7 – 8-foot tables, umbrellas, and chairs – Drop off on Friday afternoon and pick up on Monday morning. Bill Voorhies has worked with the same rental vendor for many years. Vicki can provide a layout for the tables in her garden.

- e) Flowers and vases – Vicki Sullivan has done in the past
 - f) Food – Amounts and location of supplies are included on the prior year list. Further discussion and assignments will be made at the next TMC Board Meeting in May.
 - g) Agenda – Will be reviewed at the next TMC Board meeting.
 - h) Vote for new board members. Each member may vote at the meeting or by mailing their ballot to TMC by Wednesday, 05/15/2019, if they will not be able to attend the annual meeting. 25% of the membership must be present or vote ahead of time in order to achieve a quorum.
 - i) The invitation letter will be sent out next week to the current members.
- 5) ITMS – No update. Gerard will ask Anna Jaklitsch to provide an update at the May meeting or at the 05/19/2019 Annual Meeting.
- a) Thursday, 06/27/2019 – Saturday, 06/29/2019 – Program will end after Mass on Sunday, 06/30/2019.
 - b) \$350 registration – Full program with meals
 - c) \$225 for volunteers with no meals
 - d) Room prices - \$175/ single for 3 nights and \$125/ double for 3 nights
- 6) Bank Signatories – Mary Seabury was added as a signer on the Wells Fargo checking account.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) Finance Committee – Mike McMahon was not present and there was no report.
- 2) Spiritual Education – Ann Akey will attend the next Spiritual Education meeting.
- 3) Liturgy – Gerard McGuire will attend next Liturgy meeting.
- 4) Hospitality – No report
- 5) Speak-out – Mike McMahon followed up with Diana Diamond about sending a letter to Governor Newsom in support of his stance on the Death Penalty. Despite this committee's past advocacy of that position, Diana appears to be reluctant to follow up with a letter on behalf of the TMC. Mary O'Connor recommended the TMC Board itself draft this letter and send it to Gov. Newsom. Gerard McGuire to prepare a draft for review at the next TMC Board meeting.
- 6) Website – Jim Davis – No report.
- 7) Site Committee – Everyone is welcome to join the St. Thomas garden clean-up event this upcoming Saturday (4/13/19). The replacement of STA front steps will take place after Easter.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Nominees for TMC Board 2019 – 2022 – Discussed previously in Ongoing Business

MEETING ADJOURNED – 8:15 PM