



THOMAS MERTON CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**Present:** Gerard McGuire, Larry Lopez, Mike McMahon, Judi Swope, Mary Seabury and Ann Akey,

**Present via phone:** Diane Marie Herte

**Absent:** none

**Agenda Introduction:**

Meeting leader: Gerard McGuire

Meeting prayer leader: Judi

Prayer leader next meeting: Gerard

Meeting secretary: Ann Akey

**ONGOING BUSINESS**

- 1) Review and Approve May Board Minutes – **ACTION:** Approved as submitted, no changes.
- 2) Review and Approve Annual Meeting Minutes – **ACTION:** Approved, as submitted, no changes.
- 3) TMC Board Bylaws Review– **ACTION:** Gerard will edit the digital version Mary sent him and then send it out to all Board members.
- 4) Board liaison with TMC committees update – **ACTION:** Ann will try to attend Spiritual Ed. meeting in August and Gerard will try to attend a Liturgy Meeting in August or September.
- 5) ITMS – Judi attended (stayed overnight) and reported on the event and recommended it highly. Kay Williams, Mary Coady, Anna Jaklitsch and Barbara Kent also attended. Judi shared photos and spoke about some of the interesting speakers. **ACTION:** The Board recommended that it would be worthwhile for those that attended this event to give a informal report to the general TMC membership sometime in the Fall.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 1) Finance Committee – Mike McMahon presented the mid-year report (June, 2019). Mike proposed the TMC board give their annual approval to send \$4,000 to [St. Vincent of Paul (PA & EPA) and to Hidden Villa] for camperships. **ACTION:** Motion approved. Mike will send check from Jane Bahr account.

- 2) Spiritual Education – No report. Gerard suggested that a friend of John Sandersfeld [Sr. Patrice Coolick] who has been working at the Southern border is willing to come speak to TMC members about the situation in September or later in the year.
- 3) Liturgy –No report.
- 4) Hospitality – Larry is on the Hospitality Committee. He shares duties with Bill Voorhees and Jim Davies. The price of donuts has increased No formal motion was made.
- 5) Speak-out – No report
- 6) Website –No report.
- 7) Site Committee – No report. All agreed that the stairs and tiles looked great. **ACTION:** Judi will ask Vicki if she would be willing to come to an upcoming meeting in September.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. The Board extended a warm welcome to new TMC Board members Larry Lopez and Diane Marie Herte.

The Board reviewed the letter sent to the Board members about issues raised at the Annual Meeting regarding the independence of the Thomas Merton Center from the parish. It was agreed that the Board appreciated the background that was shared and that we are independent of the parish leadership while we work and celebrate with and in the parish.

**ACTION:** Mike will draft a response.

**MEETING ADJOURNED – 8:07 PM**