



Thomas Merton Center  
Board of Directors Meeting  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 7:00 P.M., THOMAS HOUSE

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**Present:** Gerard McGuire, Larry Lopez, Mike McMahon, and Ann Akey

**Present by phone:** Diane Marie Herte

**Absent:** Mary Seabury, Judi Swope

**Visitors:** Kay Williams, Anna Jaklitsch

**Agenda Introduction:**

Meeting leader: Gerard McGuire

Meeting prayer leader: Gerard

Meeting secretary: Ann

**Special Report:** Anna Jaklitsch & Kay Williams

**Spiritual Ed. Update/Plans**

1. Sr. Joan Chittister has agreed to come and give a talk in December of 2021 (10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup>). The estimated cost will be \$12,000 plus transportation and lodging for two nights for her and for her assistant. She would like an audience of 350. The group discussed the possibility of various venues and indicated they had been in discussion with Nancy Greenfield from the Catholic Community at Stanford about possibly partnering with them. This would involve the possibility of asking for a different date to better suit when Stanford University is in session so that students could attend the event... **ACTION:** They will get back in touch with Sr. Joan to see about changing the dates. Report accepted with interest and appreciation.

2. Other upcoming events:

(a) Fr. Ballard – Lenten Reflection - 21st March, 2020 [9:00am – 12:00 noon] at the SAG Hospitality Center.

(b) Bob Ellsberg – September 19th, 2020.....Venue - TBD

**Membership drive:** Kay asked for input about membership month. She will circulate a letter to current members. A new TMC directory will be shared in May. Members expressed their appreciation for the directory and also concern about not sharing the information. Response to letter about independence of TMC. **ACTION:** Letter has been sent out

## **ONGOING BUSINESS**

- 1) Review and Approve January Board Minutes – **ACTION:** Approved as presented.
- 2) TMC Board Bylaws Review– **ACTION:** In progress. Gerard is continue to work on this and will send out to Board members.
- 3) Board liaison with TMC committees update – Tabled to next meeting
- 4) Support of In the Father’s Name. Diane Marie reported. Typically it costs around \$1,000 to redo a child’s room. A priest is the prison system vets the recipients. **ACTION:** Mike will allocate \$500 for the group in the 2020 budget.
- 5) Connect with Bishop Cantu. Mike shared an email from Maureen about past visits. It was suggested that Maureen, Kay and/or Anna be included in the visit as they are good at explaining. We should provide a 1 or 2 page written introduction –ask Maureen for help. **ACTION:** Gerard will seek a date.
- 6) **AME Zion Church Support:** Larry has visited the church and done some research into their needs. His company will support security improvements. **ACTION:** Larry will visit with head pastor on Sunday.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 1) Finance Committee – Mike presented the January 2020 financial statement. **ACTION:** January statement accepted as presented. Mike will prepare and present the TMC 2020 Budget at the TMC Board March meeting.
- 2) Spiritual Education **ACTION:** See Special Report above.
- 3) Liturgy –No report.
- 4) Hospitality – Larry reported –donuts are "great, good".
- 5) Speak-out – No report
- 6) Website –No report
- 7) Site Committee – No report. **ACTION:** Vickie emailed a report that will be shared at the March meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**MEETING ADJOURNED – 8:23PM**