



Thomas Merton Center
Board of Directors Meeting

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 7:00 P.M., ZOOM MEETING

APPROVED MINUTES

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

Absent: no one

Agenda Introduction:

Meeting leader: Gerard McGuire

Meeting prayer leader: n/a

Meeting secretary: Ann

ONGOING BUSINESS

- 1) Review and Approve Minutes of the May Board Meeting and The TMC Annual Meeting – **ACTION:** May minutes approved; discussion of the minutes of the Annual Meeting was postponed to give Board members more time to review them, We will try to have agendas out 3 days before Zoom meetings in the future.
- 2) TMC Board Bylaws Review– **ACTION:** In progress. Gerard is continuing to work on this and will send out to Board members.
- 3) Board liaison with TMC committees update – no report, Committees still meeting online through Zoom

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) **Finance Committee Discussion:** Mike McMahon gave a report up through May, 2020.
(a) Revenue is up about \$8,000 YTD, donations online are working and some are now giving on a recurring basis. About \$1,000 has been donated online for each of the last two months. Judi expressed concern about a lost check last year. Mike clarified questions about insurance, paid only once a year in June. Liturgy expenses are zero YTD because there have been no purchases of mass supplies or song booklets. However, TMC continues to pay scheduled Presiders, St. Elizabeth Seton School and hospitality (donuts) as per pre-COVID. Contributions are continuing to come in at same rate. Therefore, we are approximately \$13,500 ahead of budget

(b) \$500 was disbursed to the charity "In the Father's Name'. Diane reported that they have already received the check and have two families in mind – one in Stockton and the other in the Bay Area. They have expressed their deep gratitude for the donation.

(c) The additional money (\$400/month) for the East Palo Alto Ecumenical Hunger Program will start to go out in June and will show up on the June Financial statement.

(d) It is the time of year for annual disbursement from the Jane Bahr fund.

(e) Spiritual Ed. expenses were upped slightly due to proposed additional presentations.

ACTION: Report accepted as presented. We will be attentive for any other problems with lost checks.

- 2) **Spiritual Education.** No report but Mike mentioned that the committee has put down a deposit for a speaker (Bob Ellsberg) in September, 2020.
- 3) **Liturgy** – No report. In person parish masses are expected to start at OLR next week, Monday 15th June. They will be daily masses only with no more than 25 people and outdoors.
- 4) **Hospitality** – Larry reported we are still paying our vendor and he is very appreciative of our support during these difficult COVID times.
- 5) **Speak-out** – No report
- 6) **Website** – see financial report above
- 7) **Site Committee:** Judi reported that scaffolding has gone up around the church building and that painters have begun scraping. Vicki Sullivan organized a garden cleanup last Saturday with about 10 other volunteers. Mary pointed out that Father Stasys had gone to bat with the Bishop and the Diocese to get them to allow the release of funds for the exterior painting of the church.

NEW BUSINESS

Bob Foley is initiating a faith-sharing group related to racism. Judi reported that the first meeting was held June 10th at 5:00 pm via Zoom. She was unable to attend but heard that there were 6 to 8 participants.

MEETING ADJOURNED – 7:55PM