



Thomas Merton Center
Board of Directors Meeting
THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 7:00 P.M., THOMAS HOUSE

APPROVED MINUTES

Present: Gerard McGuire, Judi Swope, and Ann Akey

Present by phone: Diane Marie Herte

Absent: Mary Seabury, Larry Lopez, Mike McMahon,

Agenda Introduction:

Meeting leader: Gerard McGuire

Meeting prayer leader: Gerard

Meeting secretary: Ann

ONGOING BUSINESS

- 1) Review and Approve February Board Minutes – **ACTION:** Tabled until next meeting due to a lack of a quorum for approval (only three of the members present tonight were in attendance at the February meeting).
- 2) TMC Board Bylaws Review– **ACTION:** In progress. Gerard is continuing to work on this and will send out to Board members when available.
- 3) Board liaison with TMC committees update – Judi went to the STA Site Committee meeting on 4th March (a) Father Stasys will have a Parish Town Hall meeting May 9th to address changes especially all the upcoming retirements of parish employees (the Lundins, Susan Olsen, Maria de Jesus Gutierrez). (b) Painting of STA Church will go out to bid in April. (c) Ted Bauer has moved all secular books out of the Thomas House Library. (d) The St. Patrick's Day Parish Diner and Friday's Fish Fry have been cancelled due to the Coronavirus outbreak (e) Fr. Ballard's Lenten presentation has also been cancelled. **ACTION:** Report gratefully accepted.
- 4) Support of "In the Father's Name". Diane Marie reported that the donation could be earmarked for a N. California project. **ACTION:** Mike will allocate \$500 for the group in the 2020 budget.
- 5) Connect with Bishop Cantu. **ACTION:** Efforts postponed for the present due to the current situation with the Coronavirus (Covid-19).

- 6) **AME Zion Church Support:** Larry and his company have 50% of the work done and expect to be done by this coming Saturday 14th March. **ACTION:** It was suggested that it would be nice to get some photos into the bulletin.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) Finance Committee - Mike was not present to report. Subsequently he emailed Board members the February Financial Report on 3/15/20 and the March report on 4/11/20. He also emailed the acceptance notification of the 2019 electronically filed tax return for TMC. **ACTION:** Mike will prepare and present the TMC 2020 Budget at the next TMC Board meeting.
- 2) Spiritual Education - Fr. Ballard's Lenten Presentation has been cancelled.
- 3) Liturgy -No report.
- 4) Hospitality - "donuts are fine"
- 5) Speak-out - No report
- 6) Website -No report
- 7) Site Committee - **ACTION:** See item 3 above

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Planning for Annual Meeting - Discussed moving the meeting from May to June due to the Coronavirus, (possibly Sunday 14th June or 21st June (Father's Day).
- 2) Coronavirus (Covid-19): Much time was spent discussing what TMC's response should be and a consensus was reached that before the Board made any final decisions, we should seek input from TMC members on the following Sunday after Mass. Since all churches in the San Jose Diocese were closed Friday 13th March this action was never necessary or possible.

MEETING ADJOURNED - 8:03PM