



THOMAS MERTON CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 7:00 P.M., THOMAS HOUSE

APPROVED MINUTES

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

Absent: Mary Seabury

Agenda Introduction:

Meeting leader: Gerard McGuire

Meeting prayer leader: Gerard

Meeting secretary: Ann Akey

Upcoming prayer leaders: September – Ann, October- Diane Marie, November- Larry

ONGOING BUSINESS

- 1) Review and Approve July Board Minutes – **ACTION:** Approved as submitted.
- 2) TMC Board Bylaws Review and Updating – **ACTION:** Gerard will reformat and edit as necessary the digital version Mary sent him and then send it out to all Board members for review prior to next Board Meeting.
- 3) Board liaison with TMC committees update – **ACTION:** Ann will try to attend Spiritual Ed. meeting in August and Gerard plans to attend a Liturgy Meeting in September.
- 4) Response to letter from TMC members about independence of TMC. Mike presented a draft of a letter of response and was appreciative of Board members comments on it. **ACTION:** Mike will send a second draft prior to the next Board meeting with copy of original letter and bring copy to next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) Finance Committee –Mike presented the monthly budget report. There is a balance of \$21,000 approximately in the Jane Bahr fund. Mike will cut the 3 annual checks (totally \$4,000) from this fund within the next couple of weeks. He noted that \$1,100 was donated in memory of Tom Williams. **ACTION:** Accepted as presented.
- 2) Spiritual Education – No report. **ACTION:** When Ann attends the next meeting she will suggest Sr. Patrice Coolick as a speaker and encourage the Committee to spend more money.
- 3) Liturgy –No report.

- 4) Hospitality – Larry reported. A discussion of the cost and varieties of donuts ensued. Jim Davis is concerned that we are purchasing more than necessary.
- 5) Speak-out – No report
- 6) Website –No report. **ACTION:** All Board members agreed to visit the website before the next Board meeting.
- 7) Site Committee – No report. **ACTION:** Judy will ask Vicki if she would be willing to come to the September meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Support of [FOCUS](#) missionary. Diane Marie suggested that the TMC consider giving support to this campus evangelization group. [Sara Billman](#) spoke about it at a recent mass. **ACTION:** Board members agreed to research the group before the next meeting and consider a donation then.

MEETING ADJOURNED – 8:10 PM