



THOMAS MERTON CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 7:00 P.M., THOMAS HOUSE

APPROVED MINUTES

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

Absent: no one

Agenda Introduction:

Meeting leader: Gerard McGuire

Meeting prayer leader: Ann Akey

Meeting secretary: Ann

Upcoming prayer leaders: November - Diane Marie; December - Larry

ONGOING BUSINESS

- 1) Review and Approve August Board Minutes – **ACTION:** Approved as submitted.
- 2) TMC Board Bylaws Review– **ACTION:** In progress. Gerard will continue to edit the digital version Mary sent him and then send it out to all Board members.
- 3) Board liaison with TMC committees update – Ann reported on the Spiritual Ed. meeting she attended in August and the events that were planned. Most were already listed in the bulletin. Jim Purcell from the NCR will talk on the Catholic Media (September 28), Larry Percell will give a Lenten Retreat (Dec. 7), and Dr. Rosemary Ellmer will speak on the sexual abuse scandal (February 8). Long term plans for a possible event with Sr. Joan Chittsetter within the next couple of years were mentioned and concerns over the role of conservative Catholic groups in medical care were discussed. **ACTION:** Gerard plans to attend a Liturgy Meeting in October.
- 4) Response to letter about independence of TMC. Mike presented a second draft of a letter of response and appreciative Board members commented on it. **ACTION:** Mike will make a small revision and send to Gerard to send out.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) Finance Committee – Mike McMahon Mike presented the August monthly budget report. **ACTION:** Accepted as presented. Letter for donations should be ready to go next month.
- 2) Spiritual Education – see above.
- 3) Liturgy –No report.

- 4) Hospitality – Larry reported. Further discussion of the cost, varieties and number of donuts ensued.
- 5) Speak-out – No report
- 6) Website –No report. Board members discussed its different purposes (attract new members, spiritual resources, general info)
- 7) Site Committee – No report. **ACTION:** Judi will ask Vicki if she would be willing to come to an upcoming meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Connect/meeting with Bishop Cantu. **ACTION:** Discussion was tabled till the next TMC Board meeting.
2. 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 discussed a gift of despite some concerns about the organization. Larry called Sarah Billman to get more info but was not at home. Diane Marie will contact.
3. TMC End-of-Year Donation Letter. **ACTION:** Mike will ask Kay for a copy of the letter from last year. Mike will review and update and mail out with financials to Board members for comments.
4. Multiple Board members had conflicts with the date of the October meeting. **ACTION:** Next Board meeting will be in November.

MEETING ADJOURNED – 8:20 PM