



Thomas Merton Center  
Board of Directors Meeting  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 7:00 P.M., ZOOM MEETING

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**Present:** Gerard McGuire, Judi Swope, Mary Seabury, and Ann Akey

**Absent:** Larry Lopez, Mike McMahon, Diane Marie Herte

**Introductions:**

Meeting leader: Gerard McGuire  
Meeting prayer leader: Ann Akey  
Meeting secretary: Ann Akey

**OPENING BUSINESS:**

- 1) **Minutes:** Reviewed minutes of the July 9, 2020 Board Meeting.  
**ACTION:** July Minutes were unanimously approved without edits.  
**ACTION:** A correction to the Minutes of the Annual TMC Meeting was explained by Gerard and approved by all.
- 2) **TMC Board Bylaws:** Gerard continues to work on the bylaws and will send them out to the Board members for review when completed.
- 3) **Board liaison with TMC committees update:** Nothing current to report. Committees are still meeting online with Zoom.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- 1) **Finance Committee:** Mike McMahon sent out July's financial report in advance. A discussion was held about whether or we should revise the budget. We had budgeted a negative number (negative variance?) for this year. Since our income is higher and our expenses lower than planned it might make sense to compare to a balanced budget rather than to -\$4,000.
- 2) **Spiritual Education:** No report.
- 3) **Liturgy:** No report. The Parish is still planning to have the TMC Mass move to 9:00am when in-person masses return.
- 4) **Hospitality:** No report.
- 5) **Seeking Action for Justice:** This is a faith sharing group meeting on Wednesday nights.
- 6) **Website:** No report.
- 7) **Site Committee:** The painting is continuing; the front of the church has been completed and the steeple looks good. One donor came forward to cover the dry rot extra work cost

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. The Board's approval of the letter to Bishop Cantu about racism was passed on to Bob Foley.
2. The Valley Catholic is now online.
3. All members present agreed that the new faith sharing group (Action for Justice) should replace the Speakout committee report at future Board meetings.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** The meeting ended at 7:49 PM. The next meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 will be held on Zoom.