



Thomas Merton Center  
Board of Directors Meeting  
THURSDAY, JULY 9, 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

**Introductions:**

Meeting leader: Gerard McGuire  
Meeting prayer leader: Larry Lopez – Prayer of the Divine Mercy  
Meeting secretary: Mary Seabury – Temporary note taker

**OPENING BUSINESS:**

- 1) Reviewed and approved minutes of the June 11, 2020 Board Meeting and the TMC Annual Meeting.  
**ACTION:** June minutes were unanimously approved without edits.  
**ACTION:** The TMC Annual Meeting minutes were also reviewed with Gerard's minor edits. Committee unanimously approved the Annual Meeting minutes with all edits.
- 2) **TMC Board Bylaws:** Gerard will work on the bylaws and send them out to the Board members for review.
- 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 reviewed the 06/30/2020 income statement.
  - a) Income was higher than budget by \$7,375 primarily due to higher contributions. Expenses are lower than budget by \$6,701 due to lower costs in most categories but especially due to lower printing, bulletin, postage, spiritual education, and presider costs. The actual net income shows a surplus of \$9,974 as of 6/30/20 and is higher than budget by \$14,076 due to the negative budget approved for the year.
  - b) The on-line giving donation option is working well despite some learning glitches.
  - c) Jane Bahr Fund: \$4,000 was paid from the Jane Bahr fund: \$ 2,500 to the East Palo Alto St. Vincent de Paul and Hidden Villa (written as one check this year) and \$1,500 to the Palo Alto St. Vincent de Paul. Leaving an approx.. balance of \$17,000 in this account.
  - d) Northern California Innocence Project at Santa Clara University – Bob Foley and Anna Jaklitsch asked the TMC Board to consider a donation to the Innocence Project.  
**ACTION:** A \$1,000 donation was unanimously approved.
  - e) Mike McMahon left the meeting at 7:30 pm to celebrate his birthday.

- 2) **Spiritual Education:** No report.
- 3) **Liturgy:** No report. A short discussion took place around the 9:00am vs 9:30am new mass time for the TMC community (see below).
- 4) **Hospitality:** Larry said that only zero calorie donuts are being served.
- 5) **Speakout:** No report.
- 6) **Website:** No report.
- 7) **Site Committee:** The STA paint/restoration project is moving along. More dry rot was found than expected and additional funds will be needed to cover the additional cost. This will drain the restricted fund covering STA maintenance and restoration. Gerard will send photos so that they can be included in a future TMC bulletin.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Donation to Northern California Innocence Project – See approval under Finance Committee.
- 2) Proposal for 9:30 am TMC Mass – The new start time for the TMC Mass is currently being discussed now that the 10:30 am Mass has been permanently cancelled. A start time of 9:30 was proposed by some TMC members but Father Stasys has only agreed to 9:00 am. A decision should be made by the Liturgy Committee soon.
- 3) Racism Statement – Members have asked if TMC will take a stand and make a statement on racism. Diane Marie offered to follow-up with Kay Williams about the wording. Any statement will have to be approved by the Board.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** The meeting ended at 8:06 PM. The next meeting, August 13, 2020 will be held on Zoom.