



Thomas Merton Center  
Board of Directors Meeting

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 7:00 P.M., ZOOM MEETING

**APPROVED MINUTES**

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

Meeting leader: Gerard McGuire  
Meeting prayer leader: Judi Swope (Diane next month)  
Meeting secretary: Ann Akey

**OPENING BUSINESS:**

- 1) **Minutes:** Reviewed Minutes of the January, 2021 Board Meeting. It was noted that Diane Marie was present at the Advent retreat, not Judi. **ACTION:** The Minutes were unanimously accepted as amended.
- 2) **TMC Board Bylaws:** Gerard is continuing to convert the rough scanned Bylaws into a useable and editable MS Word file document. We will take this item off the list
- 3) **Board liaison with TMC committees update:** Nothing current to report. Committees are still meeting online with Zoom.
- 4) **TMC Annual Meeting Planning 23<sup>rd</sup> of May** Anna will survey the TMC members who attend the weekly Sunday Zoom coffee and donut group to see if that time slot will work.
- 5) **Kay's boxes- scanning and storage.** Gerard said there are old archives of physical weekly TMC bulletins in the Thomas House. Board members wondered how much scanning of Kay's papers was needed. **ACTION:** Diane will check in with OfficeMax regarding scanning costs. Gerard is going to look at what bulletins are present at the Thomas House to consider what might need to be stored. The need to inventory all of the TMC equipment and possessions at the Thomas House was discussed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- 1) **Finance Committee:** The January statement was not yet ready as Mike had been busy getting out tax contribution letters to TMC members. TMC has stopped paying for donuts; the last payment were made in early January 2021. Mike will work on the 2021 budget with input from the Liturgy and Spiritual Education committees and hopes to have it available for the March Board Meeting..
- 2) **Spiritual Education:** no news. **ACTION:** Mike will check about possible upcoming events for 2021 when he asks them about their budget.
- 3) **Liturgy:** Helen Baumann was eager to get the STA site up and in use for masses again, but it seems we are not likely to use STA for a while – the Stanford Community has wires all over church for their regular Zoomed Sunday Mass that would pose a tripping hazard. Sanitation is also an issue – it may make more sense to continue to use the SAG site. The age

of our membership and our presiders is also a concern. Gerard suggested it might be best to leave planning to the TMC Liturgy Committee. The Board agreed that it is premature to start discussing details. Indoor worship is currently banned in Santa Clara County again.

- 4) **Hospitality:** No more donuts – zero calories to zero cost.
- 5) **Seeking Action for Justice:** No report although it seems the group is active and will be attending a workshop on Saturday. **ACTION:** Gerard will invite Bob Foley to the next Board meeting for an update.
- 6) **Website:** No report
- 7) **Site Committee:** Judi talked to Vicki and Helen after church. Kay's boxes have been consolidated. There didn't seem to be anything urgent to report. **ACTION:** Judi will ask Vicki about any upcoming gardening projects/events.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) **Board membership.** Judi would like to step down from the Board due to increased family obligations. She stayed on an extra year due to the pandemic. Judi suggested Bob Bush and/or Bob Capriles would be good Board members. **ACTION:** Gerard will check on other current Board Members terms

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** The meeting ended at 8:10 PM. The next meeting will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> March by Zoom.