



Thomas Merton Center
Board of Directors Meeting

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 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: Larry Lopez

Meeting secretary: Ann Akey

OPENING BUSINESS:

- 1) **Minutes:** Reviewed Minutes of the December, 2020 Board Meeting.
ACTION: December Minutes were unanimously approved without edits.
- 2) **TMC Board Bylaws:** Gerard is continuing the review the document.
- 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 preliminary financial reports for 2020 in advance of the meeting. Xmas gifts were given to presiders and musicians. Income and expenses were almost the same for the 2020 year. Adopt-a-family served 5 families over the Christmas, each family receiving \$1,000 each. With the Thomas Merton Center contributing ~ \$ 1,800 to this fund. \$ 6,600 came in as donations in December even without an appeal letter. There was very little total variance for a year in which we had budgeted a deficit of about \$7,000. **ACTION:** A motion was made that TMC would continue to donate \$500 monthly to the Ecumenical Hunger Program. This was unanimously approved. The Spiritual Ed. Committee is still looking into a possible presentation by Sister Chittister Zoom during 2021 but no firm details or cost are yet available.
- 2) **Spiritual Education:** Diane Marie, Mike and Mary attended the Advent retreat lead by Father Kevin Ballard. About 33 people attended. Mike will try to find out what other events are planned.
- 3) **Liturgy:** No report.
- 4) **Hospitality:** Larry reported that donuts are still zero calorie.
- 5) **Seeking Action for Justice:** Bob Foley sent a letter to Fr. Stasys on Racism, White Privilege and Black Lives Matter. It was sent January 8th. **ACTION:** Gerard will send a copy of the report to Board members following the meeting.
- 6) **Website:** no report
- 7) **Site Committee:** no report. **ACTION:** Judi will ask Vicki for any updates in time for our next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) The Annual TMC Board Meeting was tentatively scheduled for May 23rd possibly at 1:00 during the time for Coffee and Donuts. This will be another Virtual Zoom Board Meeting like the one that occurred during 2020. **ACTION:** Gerard to follow up with Anna to get feedback from TMC membership about the preferred timing.
- 2) Photos of several boxes of TMC related papers belonging to Kay Williams were shared. **ACTION:** Gerard will talk with Anna and Helen about storage space at the Thomas House. Diane Marie will ask about scanning documents at Office Max

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting ended at 8:00 PM. The next meeting will be held on 11th February by Zoom.