



Thomas Merton Center
Board of Directors Meeting
THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2022 7:00 P.M.
ZOOM MEETING

APPROVED MINUTES

Present: Bob Capriles, Larry Lopez, Mike McMahon, Mary Seabury, Diane Marie Herte, Ann Akey

Absent: Gerard McGuire,

Guest: Anna Jaklitsch

Meeting leader: Bob Capriles

Meeting prayer leader: Larry Lopez (June - Bob)

Meeting secretary: Ann (June- Mary)

Review/Approval Minutes of the April 7th 2022 TMC Board meeting

ACTION: The minutes were approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee (Mike McMahon) Many contributions (\$5,715) were made along with membership fees. The TMC donation to the East Palo Ecumenical Hunger Project is now \$300 per month.

Hospitality (Larry Lopez) Consumption of donuts remains lower than pre-pandemic—fewer people are coming into the Thomas House.

Spiritual Education Synod notes were posted on the TMC website April 9.

Liturgy There was a program printed for Easter.

Seeking action for Justice Anna sent along a thank you note from Archbishop Mitty for the TMC donation.

Website (Jim Davis) See Spiritual Education.

Site Committee The garden fluffing occurred April 9th.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

1. TMC Membership renewal

Anna estimates there are 98 members. Some people have not yet paid membership fees – Anna is trying to get in touch with them (about 18). Some have told Anna they will pay Sunday. Anna will need to finalize the directory next week.

2. Plans for annual meeting

- As of yesterday only 15 people had signed up– today there were 25. No Board members were signed up yesterday but all said they would attend.
- Bob will let John Arnold know that Mike will make the announcement about members signing up at the end of mass. Ann and Mary will take sign-ups outside.
- Bob will email Gerard to see when he returns. We also want to figure out when he plans on meeting Ted Bauer/tech person for the audio system.
- Mary will check with Fr. Stasys about access on Saturday and Sunday if Gerard is not around.
- Bob will call Bob Foley about a report from the Seeking Action for Justice group and Vicki Sullivan about the site
- Shopping: Anna will pick up strawberries. Gerard will take care of Costco items: Aram sandwiches, cookies, lemonade, veggie tray etc.
- Supplies for plates, cups, napkins are at the Pastoral Center. Anna has emailed Anne and Patricia Cruzet to see when they are at the Hospitality Center. She hasn't heard back yet but will pursue this.
- Anna will call Jim and ask about the coffee in the Thomas House. Anna will also check about the availability of a coffee urn at SAG.
- The Board decided that the agenda could include the presenters' names. Contact info will be in the directory. We will also pass out a summary of the financials. We can distribute the reports via email to members and a few hard copies will be necessary for those who don't use email.
- Bob shared a draft agenda. It was approved although there are questions about who will actually be present to speak. Anna will print the agenda along with the directory.
- Anna asked about Board Member terms- many were extended during and because of the pandemic.
 - Terms now ending in 2023: Gerard, Mike, Ann, Larry, Diane (possibly 2024?)
 - Terms ending in 2024: Mary, Bob

3. **Donation requests/requirements.**

Larry asked about donations to individuals –He is working to help someone who has had a stroke. Board members could not remember supporting individuals in the past. Larry also asked about the possibility of support for an African American candidate for San Mateo County Board of Supervisors (Steven Booker) who does not have much financial backing. Board members suggested that Larry might pass out fliers. It was remarked that support for individuals and for political campaigns has usually been given through individuals of the TMC Community rather than the Board.

Mary will take notes/minutes at next Board meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting ended at 8:20 PM.