

ACTS Missions Minutes
March 9, 2009

Present: Davida Ahlgren, Leora Houtary, Mike Monagle, Dave Ringle, Lisa Pusich, Ray Thibodeau, Janis Burns-Buyarski, Fr. Pat Travers

Absent: Winston Smith, Randy Coleman (leave), Myrna Dillon, Bonnie Elder

1. Call to order at 6:13 Daylight Savings Time
2. Call of attendance—quorum established.
3. Robert Tonkin addressed the board regarding his resignation via e-mail. Board moved into executive session. Robert's resignation was accepted.
4. Approval of last month's minutes—this led discussion of the succession of scholarship requests, whether they should go to ACTS Board first, then ACTS Missions, or whether we need to have a targeted retreat before we grant scholarships. We had previously mentioned looking at scholarships on a case by case basis, to avoid precedents. From the discussion, a policy decision was reached at the last meeting. Minutes were amended and approved as amended.
5. Treasurer's report: Gumbo Gala funds collected were \$2620. \$128 needs to be paid to Bonnie Elder for expenses. Robert Tonkin will buy extra stamps from fund-raising. Balance is approximately \$10,530.55 with \$209 in expenses to pay.
6. Earthen Vessel has hit a lull in production of its CD. After ordination and Easter, the group will resume working on its CD with a target of the Women's ACTS retreat and a backup of the Teen ACTS retreat.
7. Treasurer of the board position needs to be filled. Decision will be delayed until the next meeting for current board members to consider the position. Leora, board chair, will keep the checkbook until then. Interested board members can contact Leora.
8. Letter from Kenai Peninsula was formally received today requesting an ACTS retreat. There is an agreement to review the manual and set up policy before we take the next step.
9. Breakout sessions were held to review different parts of the manual and to decide on further defining policies and procedures. A good half hour of discussion in four different groups focusing on: role of director, team formation and team responsibility, parts of an ACTS retreat, letters of intent and roles and responsibility of host parish. Janis shared some questions she had asked San Antonio about Missions concerns and clarification of ACTS board and ACTS Missions board responsibility. Our concerns are similar to other ACTS chapters concerned with Missions. Janis will follow up with Tom Peterson. Janis is also collecting sample scripts and sample resources to collect further information for a library that would be available to Missions resource.
10. Next meeting, we will bring our group discussions to share with the larger group. Monday, April 13th, 6pm will be our next meeting.
11. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm with a prayer.