

ACTS Missions Board Minutes
May 21, 2007

PRESENT: Dave Ringle, Ray Thibodeau, Trish Kohan, Leora Houtary, Bonnie Elder, Davida Ahlgren, Cathy Ellenbecker, Mike Monagle, Robert Tonkin, Heather Johnson-Smith

ABSENT: Winston Smith, Fr. Tony, Jim Nelson,

GUESTS: Barbara Konrad (member of Wasilla WACTS team), Pat Moore

OLD BUSINESS

Terms and Board seats: Two members of board have indicated they may resign due to moves or other pressing commitments. Discussion of length of terms and possible replacements for resigned members was tabled until after we finish the current retreats.

Wasilla WACTS Trish Kohan contacted Bobbie Ackley, the director of WACTS in Wasilla. A team of 15 to 20 women has been formed and is well on its way to organizing this retreat. Four women from Juneau are planning to go up, Lynn Clements, Janis Burns-Buyarski, Miriam Wolfenberger, and Sarah Renzel. LeeRay Clement, John and Karen Boddy are also planning on participating as out team. About 25 women are interested, a bank account has been established, and Bobbie is collecting applications and money for both retreats. Fr. Bill, the new priest at Sacred Heart, has been contacted via phone and is very supportive. Wasilla plans to do a fund raiser before the retreat. The deadline for applications is the end of September, and they are accepting all denominations. The biggest need right now is a guitarist.

This retreat is Wasilla's first retreat on their own, with finances and team support coming primarily from Sacred Heart. They appear well on their way, but may need support from our board as Wasilla currently does not have a board.

Wasilla MACTS Bill Benning will be the director of the Wasilla MACTS retreat. Pat Moore will be co-director with a Wasilla team member, and Mike Monagle will be head Steward. There was no objection to this change among board members. Pat Moore visited Wasilla last weekend, July 13-15th, and stayed with the DeLoaches. He had a reunion with the men who attended the April retreat in Juneau and then met with both men and core women to provide an overview and background. They are charged up and ready to form a men's team to shadow key positions in the retreat this year and recruit 20 new retreatants. Pat also brought a filled application for the first retreatant.

Bill Benning is forming the team. He has a list of members of the team from the cancelled MACTS retreat of last summer. Meetings will start the end of August with a quick, intense team building and preparation necessary. The board is expecting to help with one trip up to Wasilla before the retreat to assist the Wasilla men who will be part of team and to give a pulpit talk.

Finances The question of how much money is available for the upcoming retreats could not be answered. WACTS does not appear to need much-if any-support. MACTS is our responsibility. A request to clarify the finances available for ACTS Mission was made, especially important with our change of pastors. Bobbie Ackley will collect applications in Wasilla and transfer men's money to Juneau, as expenses for the men's retreat are the ACTS Mission's responsibility.

Glory Hole: The Missions Board will serve dinner next Wednesday, July 25th. Trish will shop and do the prep on Tuesday at St. Peter's Hall with help from Heather, Leora, and Cathy. Dave will take the food from St. Peter's to the Glory Hole on Wednesday at 4:00pm. Mike, Bonnie, Robert, and Davida will join him at 4:30 to cook and serve the meal. A recipe of Impossible Taco Pie, chips, and cookies was suggested.

NEW BUSINESS:

Posting of Board minutes on ACTS site It was suggested that board minutes be posted on the ACTS site, possibly with password protection. This will be addressed with site's web master.

Board members One board member is not listed on the ACTS in Action newsletter yet. Trish will address this.

Farewell Father Tony The board wishes to coordinate with the ACTS board and other groups on this event. It was suggested to hold something outside of St. Paul's where the larger ACTS community can all participate.

ACTS Retreat Foundation Robert Tonkins offered to write a request for funds to this San Antonio group which is raising money and offering to assist in promoting ACTS Missions. Trish will get information to Robert.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 15, at 6PM in classroom #5.