

ACTS Missions Board Minutes

August 20, 2007

PRESENT: Heather Johnson-Smith, Trish Kohan, Leora Houtary, Bonnie Elder, Winston Smith, Ray Thibodeau. Mike Monagle, Fr. Tony, Cathy Ellenbecker

ABSENT: Davida Ahlgren, Robert Tonkin, Jim Nelson

OLD BUSINESS:

Wasilla WACTS Trish reported that she had spoken with Susan DeLoach(Wasilla co-director) and received an update on the retreat planning. They have about 20 committed team members(commisioned last week) who are meeting weekly. They are hoping to have 25-30 retreatants. They have been taking registrations, and will begin pulpit talks on August 25. They have been having a big problem finding a musician. Trish has asked Louise Miller(Juneau) if she would be interested in taking on that ministry for the retreat. Louise will think it over and let Trish know on Thursday, however she did indicate that she may need help with financing the trip. The board has approved taking care of her airfare and registration if she is able to make the commitment. Trish will let Louise know of that decision.

Several other men and women from Juneau are also going to participate in this retreat, either on team or out-team. They will incur their own expenses. ACTS Missions will not be providing any financial help toward the Women's retreat this year, (other than Louise) as our 2 year obligation in that regard has been fulfilled. Trish will re-emphasize this with Bobbie Ackley(director), so that they will not be counting on any funding from us.

Bobbie has reported that they would like to begin some fundraising, however until their ACTS group is recognized and covered by the parish insurance, these events couldn't take place on church property. They are hoping that this matter will be resolved soon.

Wasilla MACTS Bill Benning(director) has been getting team members on board, and has scheduled the first meeting for August 29th. The majority of the men are team members from our recent Men's retreat. Scott Gunnel will be the Wasilla co-director. The Wasilla men were also commisioned last week and have begun meeting weekly. Fr. Tony and Bill Benning will be in Wasilla on Sept. 5th, and plan to meet with them. Bill has requested that the Mission Board pay for 2 and, possibly 3, trips for him to check on progress and stay connected with the team up north. The board approved air fare for 2 trips.

The board will request that Bill canvas his team regarding who can pay their own airfare, who would need help, and if anyone can donate miles or companion coupons. We have committed to help on the airfare as much as our funds will allow, and will know more what dollar figure we may be looking at after Bill is able to meet with the men and gets us the information he gathers. Each team member is responsible for their own registration fee(\$150.00).

Budget and Fundraising Fr. Brought in a copy of the ACTS Missions account records, and the actual amount we have to work with is \$6100, not \$10,000 as previously reported. There were \$3900 of expenses that were not included in the first report. Most of that figure is from the lodge rental(\$2400) that we had to pay last year when we canceled the men's retreat. The women's retreat went in the hole last year,(over \$2000) as there were 17 uncollected registrations.

Fundraising was discussed. We will have the Gumbo Gala and Decadent Dessert Auction on February 2__the Saturday before Ash Wednesday. Cathy will reserve the kitchen and hall. Fr. Tony requested that we don't try to do any fundraising this Fall, as we would be competing with the Faith in Action campaign, and other events that are already on the calendar. A few ideas for the future were tossed around, and everyone was asked to see what they could come up with for discussion at another time.

Trish will get the forms from the ACTS Retreat Foundation to Robert. He will submit them to the foundation to request funds to facilitate our mission retreats.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board Terms and Membership Winston reported that even though he has taken a job reassignment to Oregon, he will frequently be in Juneau, and would be available to continue on the board. He also offered to resign if the board felt that was in it's best interest. We happily accepted his offer to continue to serve. Actual board terms and will be discussed at more length after the first of the year.

The next meeting will be Monday, September 24, at 6:30 in classroom #3.