

ACTS Mission Minutes
September 15, 2008

Attendance: Present: Leora Houtary, Robert Tonkin, Ray Thibodeau, Myrna Dillon, Davida Ahlgren, Mike Monagle, Dave Ringle, Lisa Pusich, Randy Coleman

Absent : Fr. Pat Travers, Winston Smith, Bonnie Elder, Janis Burns-Buyarski

Meeting begins at 7:10 with prayer.

Minutes: Discussion of why to extend the planning cycle.

Discussion of history of Missions and the steps needed to be taken to make a mission retreat successful. This is all within the San Antonio ACTS Missions statement and vision. Randy asked for a clarification of the criteria needed by ACTS Missions.

All board members will get a copy of the ACTS Missions manual. We will research ACTS Missions policy from San Antonio. We need to make a more informed decision by understanding the mission rationale as put forth by the board. Policy decisions, especially regarding financial obligations of host parish and mission team expenses, need to be written down. We then will make written policy for board roles, director roles, guidelines, and planning tools. Formal procedures for request a retreat location, request for funding, payment of items. We have a lot of work to pull these documents together.

Pat Moore came to meeting and expressed some insight and concerns: A mission team can be the previous ACTS retreat team with minor additions/changes and it makes formation of the Mission Team much easier. Potential retreats for future missions exist both in the November ACTS retreat and in the April ACTS retreat. He recommended thinking larger, inviting several communities to send two or three retreatants from that community. As a visiting Knight, he does see Sitka and Ketchikan on a monthly basis, and he is concerned about getting a core group from those parishes. We will try to have a principal member of the Mission retreat team personally report back to the ACTS Missions. The ACTS Mission board will also invite written comments from the director.

The semantics were poorly expressed, and the intent needs to be clarified. We definitely do not intend to take "a year off"; however, we need to plant seeds and find "fertile ground" for our next mission. We are extending the planning cycle to make sure we have successful mission retreats within a well defined structure.

Leora will call Bill Benning for the debriefing notes about last year's men's ACTS retreat. The board has not received those notes. Suggestion was made to include the Missions Board in the debriefing sessions.

Great clarification of the roles of a Board and a Director ensued after this discussion. The Board sets the policies while the director plans and operates the retreat within the

guidelines given by the Board. Careful consideration of this possible conflict needs to be recognized.

Suggestion made to get some high priority efforts to get potential Mission retreatants to the men's retreats November and April, and women for June. Suggestion was made to get priest on board and then look at some 'serious fishing' efforts.

Focuses for the next three to six month:

ONE: Get some work sessions together to go through the ACTS Missions Manual and develop guidelines for our Mission Board policies.

TWO: Look at seriously recruiting potential mission parishes and have those potential retreatants attend retreats here in Juneau (with the women) or both Juneau and Ketchikan (with the men).

Financial statement: Robert e-mailed our financial statement to board members.

Robert will be contacting John Klapperich about concerns with Wasilla.