

ñ\ACTS Missions Board Minutes
November 9, 2009

Present: Leora Houtary, Randy Coleman, Lisa Pusich, Dave Ringle, Janis Burns-Buyarski, Davida Ahlgren

Absent: Winston Smith, Ray Thibodeau, Mike Monagle, 3 vacancies

guests: Lynne Clements

Meeting called to order at 6:45

1. Minutes of October 5 were read, amended, and approved
2. Treasurer's reports: we have a current balance of 4028.45 in ACTS Missions funds and 7,003.23 in Earthen Vessels receipts for a grand total of 11,031.68. This includes most of the KPACTS retreat expenses.
3. Randy debriefed board on the October 16-19, 17 of the 20 retreatants showed. Two who didn't show gave their fees as a donation. The men met November 1st for a reunion. Fourteen men are interested in forming a team for the next year, preferably in the spring of 2010. The Juneau reunion was thorough but didn't get on people's nerves. The two priests did not participate as much as they could have. This hurt in the team preparation and in the retreat. There were discussions about the stresses placed on co-directors and stewards at mission retreats. Randy spent \$4372/4642 (second number counts the CDs) Two team members are missing shirts. Soldotna spent \$2250.00, and most of that went into ACTS closet supplies. 11,565.00 was spent through retreat fees and Mission Board contributions. This makes the cost of the first retreat almost 14,000.00. Some expenses will be eliminated with start-up expenses. Working on getting food a second way, more efficient transportation arrangements, less expensive shirts, and some other small ways will be examined. Randy is looking at which of the costs are related to bringing a team down with transportation, which was a significant sum. We need to clarify the financial role of the host parish, as we are paying for the retreat rather than paying for the travel of the team (which was considerable and not counted in the above figures.)
4. We need to decide soon on the date for the next Kenai Peninsula retreat. Many factors, including costs and Fr. Tony's health, need to be considered.
5. On the women's side, they feel that they are not ready to handle the retreat. There are a group of maybe 5 women, some more excited than others. Having Out Team stay with the women was a real positive bonding experience. Two members will be on team in February in Wasilla and several women may be willing to sign up for June's ACTS retreat in Juneau. There was also interest among the team.
6. Terms of board members: Fred Yates and Delores O'Mara have said yes. One other woman said no. We are asking one more woman and two men to consider positions on the board. Dave will make a point of checking with Sandy to assist with Mission Board correspondence. Lisa could assist with deposits

7. EV CDs – there are 511 CDs checked out and 470 CDs sold and deposited. Sunday masses are not being covered at St. Pauls. Dave and Randy promise to do a better job fulfilling their obligations at those services. No CDs will be sold at Ray’s fund-raising concert.

Consignment issues with the CDs. (1) actions missions in Texas or (2) Branches and Vines music store in Anchorage. Fred Yates left a CD there and they liked it and would be interested in selling the CD there. There is a restriction with our license that the CDs be sold for \$15. Texas ACTS missions, basically we would give them a portion of the sales. Lynn will investigate with ACTS missions web page and see what the commission would be sought.

8. So far, the fund raising letter has brought in \$1,059. Janice is the “angel” that picked up the letters from Leora and got the second batch mailed out. Thank you Janice!
9. Finish supplemental sections will be on pending agenda. Pick a night and get it done. Leora will email everyone with dates.
10. Leora would like to outreach to Wasilla and the women from Soldotna/Kenai area. How can ACTS Missions be present in these locations to assist if needed? Encouragement was given to make contact with those you know to keep in touch.
11. Gumbo Gala – Davida will check on what weekend the hall is available. Preference will be the weekend prior to Ash Wednesday.
12. Meeting adjourned with no date set for the next meeting.