

ACTS Missions Minutes
November 17, 2008

1. Meeting began with prayer.

2. Attendance:

Present: Leora Houtary, Robert Tonkin, Davida Ahlgren, Dave Ringle, Ray Thibodeau, Bonnie Elder, Randy Coleman, Lisa Pusich, Fr. Pat Travers,

Absent: Winston Smith, Janis Burns-Buyarski, Myrna Dillon, Mike Monagle

Note: Lynn needs to put Randy on the ACTS Missions Board

Reading of October meeting's minutes deferred until December.

3. Financial statement: current bank balance is 7845.55. Mail fund raiser has netted 1448.00. Bank balance includes 3809.55 that is not associated with Earthen Vessels CD event. A check for \$300 was sent to Wasilla to cover two Juneau team members' expense.

4. Report from Wasilla -- Wasilla appears to have run the 2008 retreat in the black. Wasilla has delayed their next women's retreat until 2010, so that the next retreat in Wasilla will be another men's retreat. Robert read his morning's e-mail with three suggestions. Dave shared some of his reflections on the retreat. Randy added the question "What advice should we return to Wasilla to assist the men in their future retreat?" There needs to be a Juneau men's team debriefing with those reflections shared with both the board and the Wasilla. It is clear that the Spirit is working in Wasilla. 3 retreatants from the Kenai peninsula did attend the retreat.

5. Report from Earthen Vessels—Ray Thibodeau is the contact person. Last week the group began recording. One day of recording was cancelled. Timing is difficult due to Winston's absences, but the focus is there. Realistic goal is to have the CD done by April. 5 base songs are started, but lots of work is left to be done. The group would like to have a deposit for the studio for its next time. Written request needs to be submitted and acted upon at the next meeting. Possibility of Soldotna concert is rumored, but it is not part of the group's plan. The group's plan may change with a formal request from a group in Soldotna and expenses arranged. There is a question of royalties, and that needs to be addressed between EV and AMB. Transportation costs and equipment costs may be also addressed potentially from CD sales. Ray will address this. A missions statement may go out, and the board requests seeing any mission statement that involves ACTS Missions Board.

6. December 6th gathering: potluck with Earthen Vessels, new directors and co-directors for Juneau retreats. ACTS Missions Board is responsible for bringing main dishes. Men are setting up, women are in the kitchen, and the teens are cleaning up. Sandy has a list which Leora will forward to us. Dave will bring lasagna, Bonnie will bring a chicken

dish, Ray will bring Mexican chicken casserole, Randy might bring spaghetti, and the rest will bring by definition “pot luck.” Respond to Leora’s e-mail.

7. Manual process: Leora has an ACTS Missions director’s manual but it is out of date. Robert offered to contact San Antonio for an updated director’s manual. There is a return to the San Antonio manual based on past edicts from Bishop Warfel and other actions. Checklists and scripts may be reused and may be compiled into an appendix. Leora will look into this.

Father Pat will provide 12 copies of the ACTS Missions Manual, one for each board member. When the board member’s time has expired, the manual will be passed on to the next board member.

Dave Ringle will check into the Wasilla signed charter and where it is currently located.

8. Future missions: Brainstorm what to see happen in 2009. Fr. Pat has not approached Fr. Ed on ACTS retreats. It is a goal to get Fr. Ed here, but it may not be all that likely. There is interest from the Kenai Peninsula which Randy will follow up. We are a ways from anything definite. There was also talk from Wasilla about visiting their former pastor in Fairbanks. We need a procedure that will provide both direction to our board and commitment from a mission parish.

Suggestion was made about doing a mini-retreat in Haines or supporting outlying mission parishes (Hoonah, Tenakee, Pelican).

9. Next missions board meeting, Tuesday, December 16th, 7pm.