

ST. Serra Apostolate of Boulder County

Board of Trustees Minutes

August 18, 2023

SHJ Jubilee Hall

At General meeting: Speaker Dcn Mike Berens from Longmont talked about his journey into the Deaconate.

Present: Jan Landers, Peggy Morrow, Sue Husler, Amy Michaelis, Jim Heinze, Judy Heinze, Jerome Higgins, Mary Ellen Thorne

Opening Prayer: led by Jan Landers

Trustees' Reports:

- *Secretary:* Sue Husler - Minutes from July 21 - approved as written except for a word typo and the omission of the passing of an E-Vote taken to send \$100 to the funds of the upcoming Annual District 6 Convention, with one vote absent.

- *Treasurer's Report:* MaryEllen Thorne –

6/2/2023	Balance	\$20769.56	
6/6/2023	ch 2215	\$24.20	name tag; ME Thorne reimbursement (Vianney Vocations purchase)
6/7/2023	deposits	\$385.00	donations
6/20/2023	ch 2217	\$50.00	Fr Frank Maroney speaker
6/30/2023	ch 2218	\$50.00	Deacon Paulus J VanHoudt Ordination
6/30/2023	interest	\$1.73	interest received
7/11/2023	ch 2220	\$50.00	Deacon Christopher S Hora Ordination
7/21/2023	deposit	\$77.00	new member dues ELENA NIECZKOSKI
7/24/2023	ch 2224	\$120.28	Minuteman Press pamphlets inv 8130
8/1/2023	ch 2221	\$71.10	name tag and pamphlets: ME Thorne reimbursement
7/21/2023	ch fee box	\$22.54	checks printed for ANB account one box
7/31/2023	interest	\$1.70	interest received
8/14/2023	ch 2226	\$50.00	Fr Benedict Croell anniversary gift
	balance	\$20796.87	

Mary Ellen has to work on a website to make sure that when members are paying online, it is open to members only. Other payments on the portal coming from non-members would be separate. Jan was wondering if the treasurers conference gave any ideas about budgeting. MaryEllen stated that not really, except that the dues, fund raising should cover the operating budget.

Sue H. asked who is Fr Benedict, he received \$50. Jan stated he is a son of a St Francis Assisi parishioner, and it was his 25th anniversary. He comes yearly to St. Francis or St. Johns and may do retreats there. Sue stated that if he is not in our deanery who club supports, are we starting to support priests monetarily outside our deanery or club events? Peggy thought we should support all priests. Judy stated this should have been brought up to the board first. (agreement)

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VP of Vocations: Judy and Jim Heinze – By Sept 10th would like the info regarding Priesthood Sunday given to the parish liaisons. By Sept 17 would like that information given to parishes for bulletin inserts. Jim stated that during the vocation conference meeting it was suggested that a photo of the priests be inserted in the info. It was also suggested to mention priests that served in that parish in the past.

Amy stated that our website has a card for priesthood Sunday that can be download and individuals can give to the priests. She downloaded it from the USA Council website. A reception for the priests during coffee after Mass is encouraged.

Deacon Sunday is the second Sunday in October (Oct 8). This event started last year. USA Council website will have information that can be printed. We need to affirm them as there not enough deacons to replace the ones who have retired or have died.

Sue stated that Dcn Paul Martinez, newly ordained deacon, is willing to speak to our club about his vocation journey.

Jim has a website for fund raising for the Catholic church in Maui that had a lot of damage. All funds go directly to that parish. Amy will put the website in the September newsletter.

- *VP of Affirmation:* – Vacant – **Need a volunteer for this position**
Dori Fitzgerald has been working on getting the Affirmation Dinner together. She stated that we could have the event for about \$3500. Lot of the couples will not be here in January. Jan would like to give the priest some money to all the priests that we recognize in our deanery on priesthood Sunday and to the deacons on deacon Sunday two weeks later. This would be their Affirmation gift for 2023 calendar year. The card would include a note that there would be an affirmation dinner the following year, possibly next spring or summer.
- *VP of Membership:* Vacant – **Need a volunteer for this position** - Amy volunteered to be interim VP of Membership until someone volunteers. This should help with the recruitment of new members. Mary Ellen will process the paperwork and dues.
Mary Ellen was questioning if we should charge new members half the dues if they join after July. It was done for some members and had been so previously. (Note-this is not in the policy). It was agreed that we be consistent in what we do.
- *VP of Programs:* – Vacant – **Need a volunteer for this position** - Travel meeting at other parishes; Kitchen angels have used some of their own money to buy goodies for breakfast scheduled at other parishes. Jan would like to make sure they feel free to get reimbursed for the items. All agreed, no motion needed. The question is should we give a stipend to the parish that we visit for use of their facilities? Do we pay for the items used in their kitchen? (Will revisit these questions later.)

October 7, a travel meeting again to St. Francis of Assis, this has been confirmed, along with a speaker. Amy will send out an announcement of where our travel meetings will be to the other parishes in our deanery for their bulletin.

November 4 and January travel meetings, we plan to travel to Sacred Heart of Mary. A few details still need to be worked out. No travel meeting in December. We will try to travel to the same parish two consecutive times.

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October 14, Bill Fitzgerald is coordinating the District 6 Convention. If you have any questions, refer them to Bill.

October 20, The retreat to be held in Jubilee Hall. Jan is working with Stan Peterson and Bob Serafin regarding catering. Jan is basing the cost of the retreat on the notes she received about the previous one held here. Cost will be \$25/person; can pay directly to the portal or by check. Limit of persons in the hall is 125 people. Jan has sent out an invitation to the other clubs in our district. They can pay via the portal, this way we will know the number of people that have registered. There is a cut-off date of September 31 for the outside members.

December 2, Christmas party, Pauline Higgins will coordinate the event. Note to all members, please volunteer to help her.

- *VP for Parish Liaisons:* – Do not have Liaisons for parishes in Weld County (Mead, Fredrick, and Ft. Lupton), Nativity at Broomfield County and St. Thomas Aquinas.

Altar Server recognition – Peggy suggested that Amy buy the treats needed and Peggy coordinate getting it together, the count of Altar Servers and dispersing to various parishes. The eight graders from SHJ have agreed to package the items.

- *VP Communications:* - Amy Michaelis – on the website, Amy has added a novena under vocations, will add a novena for priests, and for the seminarians in November. Amy has updated the archives for the newsletters and will archive the meeting minutes.
- *President Elect:* Vacant – **Need a volunteer for this position**
- *Trustee Report:* Peggy Morrow, Jerome Higgins: Jerome is hoping to get a Membership VP who could help new members get better acquainted with the club and possibly help cover some of the vacant positions. (Amy volunteered to be interim VP membership)
- *President:* Jan Landers – Sept 15 – will be installment of new members. Fr. Greg will be our speaker. Jan will try to contact Fr Greg to make sure he is still coming.

Jan made a motion to change the policy from stating: 'Stipends given to priest, religious, deacons who attend an 'Affirmation Event' shall be as follows: Monsignor-\$40; priests- \$30; religious - \$25.' Change to 'Annual stipends will be given to all priests, deacons and religious as follows: priests- \$75, deacons and religious - \$40. If an Affirmation Dinner is held, gifts will be included in the invitation.' Motion made and carried. This year the stipends will be given on Priesthood Sunday along with a statement that an Affirmation Dinner will be held later. (The gifts will be given to the priests and deacons in person.) Deacon and religious gifts will be given on Deacon Sunday.

Will be reviewing the rest of that policy of stipends at November meeting.

Discussion regarding the time of our meetings in the winter months; no decision made.

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Fund raising, such as 'No Golf Event' or other events, Jan will send out letter to each member. Peggy has the one from last year, will give to Jan. Will need a committee if a 'Top Golf' event is held. Later in the year will need to ask for donations for seminarians' Christmas gifts.

Next board meeting: Friday, September 15 following general meeting in SHJ Jubilee Hall

Adjourn with Prayer

Upcoming Events:

Sept 8 – Serra Salute Dinner-Fr Rocco Porter, St Thomas Moore, Centennial, CO

Oct 7 – Save the date - Brown Robe 30th Annual Benefit – Denver Sheraton

Oct 14 – District 6 Convention, St Thomas Moore, Centennial, CO

Jan 18-21, 2024 - Serra Rally – at Miami, FL for 2024 and 2025

July 2024 – SI Convention in New Orleans, LA

• **Programs:** –

Aug 5 - At St Francis Assisi, 8:30a Mass, 9:15 Fr Jim Crisman = speaker

Aug 18 – At SHJ 7 am Mass, general meeting, Speaker TBD, Board meeting

Sept 1 - no meeting -Labor Day weekend

Sept 15 – at SHJ General/Board meeting – speaker Fr Greg Ames; installation of new members

Oct 7 – At St Francis Assisi, 8:30 a Mass – speaker TBA

Oct 20 – Retreat – Fr. Jason Wallace – retreat master at SHJ

Here are some updates since our meeting:

Oct 7 – St Francis Assisi, 8:30 AM Mass – speaker Fr Micah Flores

Oct 20 – Retreat – Fr CJ Mast – retreat master at SHJ

Added Notes:

There are First Saturday Masses scheduled at the following parishes: Immaculate Conception, Lafayette; Sacred Heart of Mary, Boulder; Nativity, Broomfield; St Scholastica, Erie; St Francis of Assisi, Longmont

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