

ST. Serra Apostolate of Boulder County

Board of Trustees Minutes

July 7, 2023

SHJ Jubilee Hall

At General meeting: No General meeting held.

Present: Jan Landers, Peggy Morrow, Sue Husler, Amy Michaelis, Jim Heinze, Judy Heinze, Jerome Higgins (Mary Ellen Thorne via cell phone)

Opening Prayer: led by Jan Landers

Trustees' Reports:

Jerome Higgins was inducted as a member of the board as a trustee, motion carried. Jerome will appoint a committee to help fill vacant positions.

- *Secretary:* Sue Husler - Minutes from - approved as written
- *Treasurer's Report:* MaryEllen Thorne – No change in balance from last month; bank has now accepted her signature along with Jan Landers. She will need to order new checks. Will set-up contract for on-line payments and will have to make sure the software coincides with our website and does not get us stuck **with** Wicks. Jan reported that there is ~\$20,000 in the account, that is with the CD that was cashed-in; \$2000 membership fees will be due to SI in July. It has not been determined how much money to reinvest in a CD.
- *VP of Affirmation:* – Vacant – **Need a volunteer for this position** = Jan proposed 3 options for the Affirmation Dinner: **1.** No event and send gifts to all, **2.** Hold Deacon dinner event, gifts to attendees, letter and gift to all priests, **3.** Hold (all clergy) dinner event, gifts to all. Jan stated she had talked to Fr. Mark on June 20th and he stated we should have Affirmation Dinner for the priests and religious as it is important, as Serrans, to have a relationship with the priests. Jan suggested we sent the gift along with the invite to the priest and an invite to the Deacons and religious. Gifts will be given to the religious attending the event; priest will have had received their gift in the letter a long with the invite. (Fr. Mark liked this idea, priests like that idea as expressed at the deanery). He also liked giving the amount of \$75 to priests and \$40 for the religious.
Bill Fitzgerald has agreed to be committee chair for planning the Affirmation Dinner. They will determine the date, the cost, cater, etc. Jan has suggested having it on Nov 17 or Jan 19, 2024, because of the tight schedule. The committee and Fr. Mark will determine the date.

Motion was made to have the Affirmation Dinner with priests receiving their stipends along with the invites and invites also going to the Deacons and nuns and giving them their gifts at the dinner and that this would be presented at the general meeting to get their support in the planning. Motion carried.

Motion was made that \$75 is sent to all the priests, along with the invite and \$40 is given to the Deacons and nuns (those that cannot come, will get their stipend later). This would be close to \$3500. Jan stated this would be given for this year, with no change in policy at this time. (Lengthy discussion) A proposal was made to give \$65/\$35. (Discussion, not adopted). Motion carried for \$75/\$40, with 3 abstained. Date will be decided by the committee, with input from Fr. Mark.

- *VP of Membership:* Vacant – **Need a volunteer for this position** - Jan stated she does not want to raise the club membership fees for this year. SI and USA Councils will be raising the membership fees. Fees will remain the same, \$77/membership.

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Jan would like to order some prayer cards from the Serra Vianney Store to be handed out at parishes during the travel meetings, along with our brochure (after some additional information added). Price of the Serra daily prayer brochures: 2 sets of 50 for \$36, (will get 3 sets if cheaper per set), and around \$200 for printing 250 brochures. **Motion** was made to approve the monies for the purchase of the prayer brochures and printing of the club brochures to be given out at the Travel Meetings, so to solicit membership and have people praying for vocations. Motion carried, one abstained. This is a one-time request, if more is needed, another request will be needed.

Letter from the priest to get new members: Jan talked with Fr. Mark and decided that it was not necessary. Priests can talk to parishioners and invite them to join.

- *VP of Programs:* – Vacant – **Need a volunteer for this position** - Jan has made an announcement at St Francis of Assisi regarding the clubs meeting there on August 5, inviting parishioners to join us, as has Deacon George. Fr. Jim Crisman will be the speaker. Mass is at 8:30 AM. Some of the kitchen angels will check out the kitchen there. We will have a potluck.
-Will need dates for putting together the Christmas treat bags for the Altar Servers. Will need to contact the parishes and get a count of Altar Servers. Tentative date – Nov 17th. Will need to get a coordinator for the Altar Server projects.
-Need a date for the Christmas party (usually held 1st Saturday in December). Sue H. will check on the availability of Jubilee Hall for Dec. 2nd.
- *VP for Parish Liaisons:* – Vacant
- *VP Communications:* - Amy Michaelis – Requested Amy to make a change on the Business card for hand-out. Several have been printed, Jan will use those.
Jan stated that will need to get notice of the travel meeting in the parish we are traveling to. Liaisons will have to help.
Another great newspaper, the links are great. Jan suggested that we pass it along to friends. Amy has compiled a list of past club presidents. This is on the website, for members only.
- *VP of Vocations:* Judy and Jim Heinze –
September 24 is priesthood Sunday. Vocation Awareness Week is November 5th. Amy has updated that on the website. Have not had a Vocation Committee meeting with the USA Council. There is a meeting July 10, Jim and Judy will be gone.
- *President Elect:* Vacant – **Need a volunteer for this position**
- *Trustee Report:* Peggy Morrow, Jerome Higgins
- *President:* Jan Landers – *Fund raiser ideas* –
 1. Socks for seminarians', company would make the website and do all the marketing for us. They would give us the QR code, take all the orders and do all the shipping. They will give us a financial report at the end of 2 weeks. It was suggested that it is carried out at one parish at a time for 10 days. Would start at SHJ. A person would buy 2 pairs of socks, the 3rd pair would be free, it would go to the seminarians. (Club's profit - club gets a fourth of money from 2 pairs of socks sold and seminarian gets a free pair.) Would like someone to coordinate this project. Will need parish liaisons to help.

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2. 'No Golf Tournament' at Top Golf, Jerome will check with Terry Gallagher to help coordinate. Top Golf organizes the event. We need to get people to participate in it.
3. 'No Golf Tournament' – replacing the annual tournament - sending out letters to members for funding.

These are some of the ideas that could be used to raise funds for our projects.

Old Business: In June, Jan sent out an email to have a vote on increasing the stipends for Priest, Deacons and nuns. The E-Vote did not pass, some members asked for more discussion.

New Business: Amy stated she was contacted by the Northern Colorado club president wondering if we could recommend a retreat master. It was suggested that we could invite them to our retreat. Fr. Mark will speak in the AM and Fr. Jason Wallace will speak in the afternoon. Jan knows a cater for lunch. This is on October 20th. It was suggested that we extend an invitation to our retreat to the other clubs in our district.

-Usually, the end of October or 1st part of November the president sends out a memo to our members for donations that is then given to the seminarians as a Christmas gift.

Next board meeting: Friday, July 21 following general meeting in SHJ Jubilee Hall

Adjourn with Prayer

Upcoming Events:

Jun 24 – Vocation Walk 10AM Mother Cabrine Shrine – Mass 11AM – noon Lunch.

Permanent Deaconate Ordination, Steubenville of the Rockies

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:** –

Jun 16 - Fr. Frank Maroney

July 7 – no meeting (4th of July weekend)

July 21 – Deacon Jim Mackin and Memorial Service for the departed Serrans; Board meeting follows.

Aug 5 - Fr. Jim Crisman; at St Francis Assisi, 8:30a Mass

Aug 18 – Deacon Mike Berens at SHJ 7 am Mass, general meeting, Board meeting

Sept 1 - no meeting -Labor Day weekend

Sept 15 – Fr. Greg Ames at SHJ General/Board meeting

Oct 7 – Fr. Micah Flores at St Francis of Assisi, 8:30 a Mass

Oct 20 – Retreat: Fr. Jason Wallace – retreat Master, Fr. Mark Kovick, speaker in AM

Nov 4 – speaker TBD at Sacred Heart of Mary, 8AM Mass

Nov 17 – Altar Server Candy Bag Assembly at SHJ, Board Meeting follows

Dec 2 – Christmas Party at Jubilee Hall, time TBD

Added Notes:

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Break Hostess: July- no meeting, July 21 – Potluck, August 5 – Aug 18 - Price, Sept 15 – Feauto, Oct 7 – Potluck, Oct 20 -Peterson

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