

St. Serra Apostolate of Boulder County

Board of Trustees Minutes

October 7, 2022

SHJ Jubilee Hall

At General meeting: Sr. Evangeline Salazar spoke on her work along the USA and Mexico border.

Present: Peggy Morrow, Sue Husler, Ed Husler, Sharon Stetson, Amy Michaelis, Jim Heinze, Judy Heinze, Mary Ellen Thorne

Opening Prayer: led by Peggy Morrow

Trustees' Reports:

- *Secretary:* Sue Husler - Minutes from Sept 2 - approved as written
- *Treasurer's Report:* Ed Husler – Checking Account: \$6501.37; CD Account: \$15,135.08; September Income: \$77 – dues from a new member
September Expenses: Total - \$716.57 (\$53.07 to Peggy Morrow for Memorial booklets, \$23.50 to SI for 2 new members, \$40 to speaker Fr. Matt McGee, \$100 to SW Club - Convention donation, \$500 donation to FOCUS)
Ed checked on Savings Account interest earnings, it is .08%
Motion carried to accept the Treasures report. Ed will pursue the checking of a higher interest rate for some of the monies.

Sue mentioned that the club Policy (Article X, Sec 7) states: *This club sponsors an annual golf tournament to raise funds for supporting its vocations and affirmation programs. Following the golf tournament an amount to be determined will be distributed to the Denver Diocesan Serra Trust Fund for Vocations and to the Serra International Foundations for Vocations. Proportions will be subject to approval by the Board of Trustees.*

Since we are not having an annual golf tournament, the wording will need to be changed (for next trustee meeting).

Sue H., who is on the Serra Trust Board, explained where the Serra Trust money is distributed. Seminaries that are included are St. John Vianney, Redemptoris Mater and also the Capuchins.

Judy H. made a motion that we give \$2500 to the Denver Diocesan Serra Trust Fund. Motion carried. Discussion: This amount probably will not happen every year, depending on the amount of donations and the cost of the upcoming programs and events.

Sue H made a motion that we give \$500 to the SI Foundation for Vocations. Motion carried.

Sharon S. made a motion that we again request the club members for a donation (voluntary) to the 'no golf tournament fund raiser'. Motion carried. Ed H. will send out a letter to the club members requesting a donation for the fund raiser and for the Christmas gifts for the RM seminarians. If members don't give the donations ahead of time they can bring a check to the Christmas party and give to Ed.

- *VP of Vocations:* Judy and Jim Heinze – Judy participated in the Vocation on-line Conference call. She stated that the Vocation Committee had unveiled a pre-communion book for children, which was well done, although a little expensive.

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Examples of what some of the other clubs are doing: Detroit area has gone to 80 elementary schools and 22 High Schools, discussed vocations and gave out prayer cards for vocations. The Traveling Crucifix would go from room to room in the schools when discussing vocations. A Minnesota club had given the teachers a guide or lesson plan to go with the crucifix (our club did this several years ago).

It was stated that 80% of college students drop out of their religious affiliation.

Important to start giving out 'pray for vocation' cards to homeward bound.

It was also mentioned that Serra is an *Apostolate* and not a club to make money

Will be sending out information to parish liaisons regarding the Vocation Awareness Week

- *VP of Affirmation:* – Vacant –
- *VP of Membership:* Mary Ellen Thorne – Ordered name tags for new members (will give bill to treasurer). There will be a membership drive in January.
- *VP of Programs:* Sharon Stetson – Stan Peterson said that he will try to get Fr. Emmanuel to speak in February. Sharon wants to encourage everyone to go to convention and especially listen to Mike Downey and his workshop on the *Spark* programs.
- *VP for Parish Liaisons:* Amy Michaelis – Report: for Priesthood Sunday there were 8 parishes that published something about priests in their bulletins or mentioned it at end of service. Amy has been working on the Altar and Master Server program, she has met with Dcn David at SHJ. He mentioned that having an award ceremony for the servers, after Mass, along with a pizza party would keep the parents involved. Usually parents have a tendency to drop out of the picture after their children are confirmed. Deacon suggested that end of school year there should be an award ceremony at mass followed by pizza party or such, along with the parents. He also suggested incentive awards during Advent and Easter season, such as candy wrappers with season's picture. Another suggestion is having a kick-off pizza party in August to recruit servers during the month August; St. John Berchman (1599-1621), who is patron saint of Altar Servers, his saint day is August 13.
This is a pilot program for SHJ. Motion was made to buy candy and seasonal candy wrapper for the Altar Servers at SHJ as a *thank you* for serving this Christmas season. Approved. This may cost around a \$100. Amy will compose a message and send out for approval from the board.
- *VP Communications:* - Amy Michaelis – Has worked on our brochure, explaining what we are about and what we are doing. This is posted on the website and can be printed out.
- *President Elect:* Vacant – **Need a volunteer for this position**
- *Trustee Report:* Sue Husler – no report
- *President:* Peggy Morrow – Will hold off on member survey until the meeting situation is resolved. Will post the By-Laws changes on i.o. group and website.
Retreat: Nov 18, Schedule is 8:15 induction of new members, 8:30 Rosary, 9 Retreat, 10:15 Coffee, 11:45 retreat ends. Can go to mass prior to retreat 7AM or after 12:10PM.

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Registration: Will have a 'pot luck' breakfast, and have *donation (\$10 suggestion)* for speaker stipend to be paid on day of retreat. Retreat is open to non-Serrans and other clubs.

Peggy will give bill for the 'Zoom' registration to Ed to be paid.

Will do Christmas planning at the meeting in Nov.

Peggy will send out about 3 proposals to be considered and voted on regarding what to do at the 2nd club meeting of the month.

Next board meeting: Friday, Nov 04, following general meeting in SHJ Jubilee Hall

Adjourn with Prayer

Upcoming Events:

Oct 21-22 – District 6 Convention, at St. Michael the Archangel, Aurora

Nov 5-11 – National Vocational Awareness week

Nov 18 – Club Retreat

Dec 3 – Club Christmas party

Programs:

Breakfast Cooks:

Oct 07- Nancy Harris and Arlin Meis

Oct 21 – Rosalie Garcia and Irma Jooss (no meeting)

Nov 4 – Mary Ellen Thorne and Rosalie Garcia