

ST. Serra Apostolate of Boulder County

Board of Trustees Minutes

October 27, 2023

SHJ Jubilee Hall

At General meeting: No General Meeting, Special Meeting called by Jan Landers due to no previous board meeting this month.

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

Absent: Jerome Higgins

Opening Prayer: led by Jan Landers

Trustees' Reports:

- *Secretary:* Sue Husler - Minutes from Sept 15, '23, approved as written by Amy Michaelis
- *Treasurer's Report:* MaryEllen Thorne – Retreat (10/20/23) Report: Continental breakfast – donated by Stan Peterson, Rita Roberts, Bob Serafin, Jan Landers (some expense -\$44.95)
Hot Lunch- Per Tawnya Miller - \$391.95, labor donated.
Break snacks – Donated by Jerome Higgins and Jan Landers
Publications – Ads Distribution - donated by Amy Michaelis; handouts - donated by Jan Landers and Fr. CJ Mast
Prayer cards - \$5
Speaker Fees – Fr CJ Mast - \$250; Fr Mark Kovacik - \$50
SHJ Jubilee Hall - \$100 donation for use of Jubilee Hall (approved by the board, 1-no) - passed
42 people paid at \$25 each, plus one donation of \$50 = \$1100: Expenses -\$841.89
Net = \$258.11

ANB is still in process of moving to 26th and Canyon, unable to access online account currently.

Jan was questioning how many paid members we have, Sue H is working on updating the Membership list, and will work with MaryEllen regarding the information of the new members. MaryEllen stated SI bills us twice a year for the members; a total of \$100/member a year. Peggy mentioned that some of the shut-ins that don't come to the meeting could be praying for an increase in vocations. (Will revisit this next meeting.) MaryEllen has the data of who paid to January 2024.

- *VP of Vocations:* Judy and Jim Heinze – Jan presented Jim and Judy Heinze with the certificate from the District 6 “Best VP of Vocations” which was presented at the District 6 Convention. Jim stated that it should be shared with the Liaisons who do a lot of the work with the parishes, plus Amy who gives a lot of information to Jim and Judy.
Jan was wondering how effective we are with the information that is presented to the parishes. Jim had written a summary of what was accomplished and what some of the follow up was.

Altar server Christmas treats: Peggy has not heard from five of the parishes how many Altar Servers they have. Peggy will get the supplies and members will assemble the bag treats on Nov 17 at 9 AM (general meeting) along with planning for the Christmas party. (Board meeting at 8 AM) Amy presented an insert to be placed with the candy in the bag.

Motion made to approve and print the inserts for the Christmas treat bags. Passed

Need to announce the time of the meetings in an email and in the newsletter.

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- *VP of Affirmation:* – Vacant – **Need a volunteer for this position**
Will plan to have an Affirmation Dinner sometimes in the spring. Jan report of what transpired this year for Affirmation. Priests got \$75 each, Deacons and 3 Nuns \$40 each. She stated she got amazing responses from them. Deacon George used his money to have several masses said for the Serrans. Total spent was \$3055.

Christmas gifts to seminarians – have 37 seminarians in Redemptoris Mater; it was suggested that we again give \$50 to each seminarian and the Rector and his assistant. It will take \$1950 to cover. Each year there is a request for donations from our members. This request is separate from the 'No Golf Fund Raiser'. Jan will send out the letter requesting donations via io group and Amy will send it to those who are not on the io group and note it in the newsletter. Sue will bring addressed Christmas cards for the seminarians to the next meeting for members to sign. 'No Golf Fund Raiser' and monies for the seminarians have been previously approved.

- *VP of Membership:* Interim – Amy Michaelis/Kathy Kaler - Amy has passed on position information to Kathy. We will all help Kathy as needed.
- *VP of Programs:* – Vacant – **Need a volunteer for this position**
Next travel meeting, Nov 4, will be to St Scholastica; 7:30 AM Mass, then there is a rosary and adoration. (no speaker, no food) Feb 3 and March 2, 2024, at SH of Mary.

Christmas party: Dec 2, Jubilee Hall at 2PM to 4PM. Pauline Higgins, coordinator, will need help. People, please volunteer to help her.
- *VP for Parish Liaisons:* – Amy would like to pass on the Liaison position for SHJ to someone else. There are several other parishes that don't have Liaisons.
- *VP Communications:* - Amy Michaelis – Amy sends out the newsletter via postal service to 4 members who do not have or use the internet. There are several of the new members who are not on the io group; names and email addresses must be given to Bob Brockish who in turn inputs their names and each new member must respond to have their name in the io group. Peggy mentioned that once the Serra Portal is completed, we can use that instead of the io group.
- *President Elect:* Vacant – **Need a volunteer for this position**
- *Trustee Report:* Peggy Morrow, Jerome Higgins
- *President:* Jan Landers – Received a note from Fr CJ after the retreat stating he was glad to hold the retreat and is happy to see all that our club does for promoting and supporting vocations. (Amy will insert the note into the next newsletter)

Jan suggested that we have Liaisons in each of the four Catholic Schools in our Deanery; could be a teacher or parent. We could eventually reach out to the home schoolers. Jan will meet with one of the principals to discuss the idea. (In the past, our club did have a traveling cross in a

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couple of the schools.) More discussions in the future. Spark has many ideas for elementary students.

Serra Coins – to be given to the priest or deacon who will hand out to prospective youth who might be interested in discerning for priesthood or religious life. Serra USA Council is selling them for \$5 each. (tabled -to discuss later)

Would like to discuss the policy changes sometimes in the future to indicate the changes that have taken place. (after the first of the year)

Request from Fr CJ Mast for \$700 to sponsor a student at Machebeuf High School where he teaches. This is for a FOCUS retreat. Discussion: This HS is in a Denver area, not in our Deanery. We have not previously given money to HS students. Request denied, Fr CJ could contact a Serra Club in his Deanery. Sue mentioned that our club, in the past, has given CU FOCUS \$500 for their general fund to help in their mission and travels to SEEK.

USA Council has requested a donation of \$100-\$1000 from the clubs for the Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage which will take place in May. Jan received a letter from Judy Cozzens requesting \$500 - \$1000. The board approved \$100 to give to the USA Council for the Pilgrimage. It was mentioned that we might want to give some money to the retired priests instead. (no action currently)

The second Seven Serrans Apostolate, praying for Diocesan Vocation Director is being formed by the USA Council. We will also continue to pray for the vocation director of Sante Fe, the second vocation director is from the diocese of Savannah, GA. Ed Theiss has agreed to help coordinate this group. A note will be sent requesting volunteers for this prayer group.

Note: In the next couple months will be working on next year's annual budget and strategic plan.

Fund Raiser - 'Socks Religion' - Fr Mark has agreed to have the program start at SHJ. Sue and Kathy will work on that together. The link to ordering the socks will be placed in the bulletin and flocknote; end date will be given. The company gets the order, tallies the cost, ships the socks to people who have ordered, and gives half of the cost to our club. There is a variety of saints one can choose from. A link can also be placed in the Serran newsletter and website. The ads should run until the end of the first week of December. (Order date will be closed in 2-3 weeks)
Flocknote to post as soon as possible.

Next board meeting: Friday, November 17, 8 AM in SHJ Jubilee Hall; General meeting to follow.

Adjourn with Prayer

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Upcoming Events:

Dec 2, 2023 – Members' Christmas party 1-4p, Jubilee Hall

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

Aug 8-11, 2024 – SI Convention in New Orleans, LA

- **Programs:** –

Nov 4 – travel meeting to St Scholastica, Erie; no speaker: Mass/adoration/rosary

Nov 17 – SHJ - general meeting -9 AM (assembly of gift pkgs for altar servers & Christmas planning)

Jan 6, 2024 – travel meeting to St Scholastica; speaker TBD

Feb 3, 2024 – At SH of Mary, Fr Jonathan Dellinger, speaker

Mar 2 – SH of Mary, speaker – Fr Emmanuel Osigwe

Added Notes of Interest:

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