

ST. Serra Apostolate of Boulder County

Board of Trustees Minutes

June 2, 2023

SHJ Jubilee Hall

At General meeting: Speaker: Sr. Hessed, who was head of Contemplative order of St Mother Theresa of Calcutta, Sister of Charity. This was a Zoom presentation.

Present: Jan Landers, Peggy Morrow, Sue Husler, Ed Husler, Sharon Stetson, Amy Michaelis

Absent: Mary Ellen Thorne, Jim Heinze, Judy Heinze

Opening Prayer: prayer for vocations, led by Jan Landers

Trustees' Reports:

- *Secretary:* Sue Husler - Minutes from May 5, 2023 - approved as written
- *Treasurer's Report:* Ed Husler – This is Ed's last month as treasurer, Mary Ellen Thorne will replace Ed Husler as treasurer. Ed met with Mary Ellen Thorne and Jan Landers to transfer information about the position. June is the end of the fiscal year, so Ed will present the yearly report of income and expenditure to the board. They will also meet at the ANB bank to get Mary Ellen Thorne (elected Treasurer) and Jan Landers (elected President) signatures on the Serra account at the bank and to transfer monies into a CD account. Ed had cashed in the CD so as to start one with higher interest rates.
- *June 2023 Treasurer's Report*
- Checking Account: \$20769.56 (May 31, 2023)
- CD Account: \$0.00 (Cashed In)
- May Income: \$462.00 dues, \$315.00 donations, \$.96 Interest. Total: \$777.96
- May Expenses: \$230.00 SI spouse dues, \$49.25-Stan P.-Bicycle Asses. \$282.72 Amy Michaelis- Altar server treats, \$159.76 Peggy Morrow-Priest booklets, \$113.69-Dori Fitzgerald- cards, stamps, \$11.75 SI new member fee, \$100.00 Guardian Angel- Fr. Ron Cattany 10th Anniversary (money given for the Rosary Garden), \$152.21 Stan P.-bike assec. \$150 Cash- 3 transitional deacons becoming priests. Total: \$1249.38
- *Notes:*
- 1 member has not paid to this date. We have verbal commitment.
- We will owe SI approx. \$2000.00 in July 2023 for membership dues.
- We closed our CD with a \$4.00 penalty and are trying to open another paying 4% interest.
- Will need to ask Stan how many more bikes he intends to fix, what will the cost be. So far over \$1100 has been paid to him this fiscal year, does the treasurer need to get an approval for future requests of reimbursement? Since the bikes are given to both seminaries, should we ask other Denver clubs to help pay for the reimbursement? In the future, may have Stan ask for prior approval or give an estimate to the club of what the cost will be before he starts on the repairs, especially if the cost is above \$50, as with other projects. This has been a wonderful worthwhile project, thanks to Stan. Ed stated that possibly next year this will taper off as Stan has already passed on about 30 bikes. Our club is not responsible for maintaining future repairs. Ed will talk to Stan.

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- The club has received a few large checks for memorial of Jeanette Denfeld and Ramon Jesch.
- Mary Ellen will investigate at the bank if members will be able to pay membership dues or other fees online directly to the bank.

- *VP of Vocations:* Judy and Jim Heinze – Absent

- *VP of Affirmation:* – Vacant – **Need a volunteer for this position.**
Jan had sent out some changes to the policy regarding increases to the stipends given to priests, deacons, and religious. Some had not read the email; no decision was made at this meeting. Jan also proposed having the Affirmation Dinner November 17 and when sending the invites to the priest, include the stipend to all the priests in our deanery, welcoming them to the dinner if they want to come. Some priests state they don't have time to come to the dinner, others state they enjoy the comradery. We would also send an invite to the deacons and religious and give them their stipends at the dinner. No decision was made at this time. If Affirmation Dinner is held, we would need a committee to organize it. Jan said she had talked to someone who might be able to head the committee. Last year the cost for the dinner was \$45. It was suggested that the price would need to be increased to about \$75 if there is an increase in the stipends. No decision was made. Date can be adjusted, could ask Fr. Mark to present this to the priests at the Deanery meeting. Date, cost of meal and if the dinner will be held all need to be decided.

- *VP of Membership:* **Vacant, need Volunteer** – Amy has two people that may be interested in joining Serra.

- *VP of Programs:* **Vacant, need Volunteer**–

- *VP for Parish Liaisons:* **Vacant, need Volunteer** – Jan was asking for a list of the Parish Liaisons, which needs to be updated. Amy will get list to Jan. Jan stated she would like to encourage members to say the rosary or attend adoration weekly and pray for priests and vocations. The parish liaisons have been responsible for getting the information about an event to their assigned parish. Some parishes do not print the info in their bulletin. Lot of times Amy sends an email to all the parishes. Amy will post something in the newsletter for members to increase their prays for vocations and priests. The list of the Seven Serrans should be renewed.

- *VP Communications:* - Amy Michaelis – writing a fantastic newsletter, there is a lot of pertinent information. Need to encourage all members to read it.

- *President Elect:* Vacant – **Need a volunteer for this position** –

- *Trustee Report:* Peggy Morrow– Peggy stated she received from SI the proposal of 2 By-Law changes to be voted on at the SI convention. She did not receive anything about proxy papers for clubs to assign our vote to someone attending the meeting.

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- *President:* Jan Landers - Jan stressed the idea of coordinating use of kitchen and help with the parishes we will have our travel meetings. Liaisons should be able to get a memo in their bulletin that we will be meeting there and that the parishioners are welcome to attend as guests. We will need to take some brochures with us. The travel meetings will take the place, for now, of sending letters to the priest and requesting names of parishioners who might be interested in Serra. It is important for the priest to get to know who Serra is and what they do. Will need to take brochures to the other parishes as we travel there. Will need to stress that members wear their name tags to the meetings.

Peggy suggested that before we travel to a parish, the priest is given a template of a letter inviting certain parishioners that the priest may think would make good Serrans, inviting them to that meeting.

We should have a report from the Serra Trust attendees as to what transpired at that meeting. Sue suggested that this should be reported to the general meeting.

Jan suggested we have photos of members, along with a brief history on the website, for members only.

There will be four men from our deanery who will be ordained to the permanent diaconate on June 24th. We normally give them a card and \$50 each.

Next board meeting: Friday, July 21 following general meeting in SHJ Jubilee Hall (later changed to July 7)

Adjourned with Prayer

Upcoming Events:

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

Permanent Diaconate Ordination, Steubenville of the Rockies

Sept 8 – Serra Salute Dinner-Fr Rocco Porter, St Thomas Moore, Centennial **NOTE:** this was changed later in the month to be held at Pinehurst Country Club

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, also 2025 at Miami

July 2024 – SI Convention in New Orleans, LA

- *Programs:* –

Jun 2 – Sr. Ann Walsh and Sr. Hased via zoom

Jun 16 - Fr. Frank Maroney

July 7 – no meeting (4th of July weekend) (Later decision was to have Board meeting on 7th)

July 21 – Memorial Service for the departed Serrans

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 TBA

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

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

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Added Notes:

Break Hostess: June 2– Higgins, June 16 – Potluck, July- no meeting, July 21 – Potluck, August 5 – potluck, Aug 18 - Price, Sept 15 – Feauto, Oct 7 – Potluck, Oct 20 -Peterson