

## ST. Serra Apostolate of Boulder County

Board of Trustees Minutes

March 3, 2023

SHJ Jubilee Hall

**At General meeting:** Peggy Morrow read from the book 'The Beautiful Hands of a Priest.' Also had nominations for upcoming officers.

**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 February 3, 2023 - approved as written
- *Treasurer's Report:* Ed Husler – Checking acct: \$2928.21 end of February. CD acct: \$15,124.16 interest \$9.54 (quarterly). February Income: \$0.11 interest. February Expenses: \$40 speaker Paul VanHoudt, \$50 Masses at SHM for deceased father of Nohemi Scott  
David Denfeld said to give the \$50 donation in memory of Jeanette Denfeld, his mother, to Serra; that would have been her choice of charity.  
Ed will put together a document where the monies are distributed yearly.
- *VP of Vocations:* Judy and Jim Heinze – May 7 - World Day of Prayer for Vocations; May 8- is the next Vocations Committee Conference call. Jim stated that Lillian Price told him that Fr. Wedow at St Scholastica would like the FOCUS students from CU to help as Altar Servers, wants four at each Mass. There are four Masses each weekend. May need to talk to Spencer, who is the campus FOCUS director. Fr. Wedow stated that Lillian felt she could recruit them. She asked Jim to help her.

Update from Jan Landers on altar servers at St Francis of Assiss: In process of purchasing Cossacks, which are \$100 each. The remaining \$250 will go towards an event which will include the parish priests, deacons, and Fr. Wallace (Vocation director) and several seminarians and with ~25 of the parish altar servers and their parents. Will have a social with games, food at a park or indoor depending on weather. He has people who are ready to volunteer their help with event. Would rather not have several parishes at the same event as small group interactions are more meaningful. Peggy stated that she read that with interactions with the priest, ~70% of the altar servers enter a seminary.

St John the Baptist has an event called St Andrew's dinner with priests, deacons and altar servers or potential altar servers. This is dinner, games and fun with the priests and deacons which is more intimate than what it would be in a large group.

(Sue mentioned that in the future the money from Serra should not be used in purchasing Cossacks for altar servers, not our mission. This should be a parish purchased item. Several of the members agreed.)

- *VP of Affirmation:* – Vacant – **Need a volunteer for this position.** Peggy said she heard from the Northern Colorado Serra Club; their Affirmation event is like what FOCUS has in the Fall. That is purchasing dinner tickets, speakers, and silent auction. That is their fund-raising event. Judy commented that our Affirmation is to focus on priests and religious, it is not an event to make money. Jan Lander stated the several (eight) priests she had asked if they would come to an

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Affirmation Dinner, they would rather not, as it is another thing to attend out of their busy schedule. They would rather receive a note and money as a gift for their personal enjoyment. She said the dinner represents work to them.

Fr. Mark had asked the priests at the Deanery meeting when they would prefer a dinner, answer was the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week in June, preferably Tues – Thurs. Jan suggested that maybe it would be better to bring a Serra meeting to their parish, for them to learn about Serra. Ed stated that last year we had 10 ‘no shows’ at the dinner, thus losing \$400. It was suggested that we give a card to the priests and religious with some money, stating that this is to be spent on themselves personally. We may want to do this on Priesthood Sunday.

No motion has been made, but determined that we pursue not having the dinner, but give a card and money to the priests, deacons and religious. We may need to do more fundraising. Ed stated this year we did not receive as much (\$4500) as we had done in the past. Each year the club spends about \$5000+ on our activities. If stipends are increased, will need more funds. Will need to present at general meeting regarding the affirmation dinner.

- *VP of Membership:* Mary Ellen Thorne – Ed asked if MaryEllen would be interested in collecting the dues from the members. She will help, Ed will send out a reminder at the end of the month to members who have not paid, including a copy to MaryEllen.
- *VP of Programs:* Sharon Stetson – May 5 – TBA Possibly Installations of Officers. May 20<sup>th</sup> - Sharon had reserved the family room at Immaculate Conception after the 4 PM Mass we will have ‘A Catholic Heritage Talks’; Bob Brockish will speak about ties with Mother Cabrini and if there are other members who may want to speak about their catholic faith story. Peggy will talk to Deacon Jim Mackin if he could speak in June.
- *VP for Parish Liaisons:* Amy Michaelis –
- *VP Communications:* - Amy Michaelis –
- *President Elect:* Vacant – **Need a volunteer for this position.**
- *Trustee Report:* Sue Husler
- *President:* Peggy Morrow - Peggy stated that anytime we have an ‘e-vote’ (trustees vote on email), all trustees need to vote on the issue, and it should be incorporated into the meeting minutes.

Next board meeting: Friday, May 5 following general meeting in SHJ Jubilee Hall

Adjourn with Prayer

### Upcoming Events:

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

**July 2024** – SI Convention in New Orleans, LA

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- **Programs:** –  
**March 17** – 10 AM (Potluck) All members to help assemble Easter gift bags for Altar Servers in deanery parishes.  
**April 7** (Good Friday – no meeting)  
**April 21** - 10 AM Trustee meeting.  
11AM meeting with a presentation by Sr Rose Ann Barmann on human trafficking.  
**May 5** TBA,  
**May 20** at Immaculate Conception, ‘Catholic Heritage Talk’

From the General meeting – Slate of Officers for 2023

President: Jan Landers  
Secretary: Sue Husler  
V.P. Vocations: Jim Heinze, Judy Heinze  
V.P. Programs: TBD  
V.P. Affirmation: Vacant  
Parish Liaison: Vacant

President-Elect: Vacant  
Treasurer: Ed Husler  
V.P. Membership: Mary Ellen Thorne  
V.P. Communications: Amy Michaelis  
Club Trustees: Sue Husler, Jerome Higgins, Peggy Morrow

Note from Stan Peterson 3/11/23!

Six nice bicycles were delivered to Fr. William Clemence, Rector, and his Seminarians today, making it a total of fifteen bikes donated to the seminaries. Fr. Clemence was very grateful to Saint Serra Apostolate of Boulder County, and I think a few of the Seminarians even went for rides since it was such a nice day! Once again Hank graciously lent his truck. Pumps and a few essential tools were dropped off for both of the Seminaries as well.