

ST. Serra Apostolate of Boulder County

Board of Trustees Minutes

April 19, 2024

SHJ Jubilee Hall

At General meeting: Speaker: Paul Bergman, Chair of Serra Trust of Denver Dioceses area

Present: Jerome Higgins, Sue Husler, Kathy Kaler, Jan Landers, Amy Michaelis, Peggy Morrow, Rita Roberts, Mary Ellen Thorne

Absent: Jim and Judy Heinze

Opening Prayer: led by Jan Landers

Trustees' Reports:

- **Secretary:** Sue Husler - Minutes from March 22 approved as written
- **Treasurer's Report:** MaryEllen Thorne – There are four outstanding membership dues (Sue H. will check with Phil McMahan if he wants to continue). Gills, Farrell, and Taylor have also not paid. SI charges for each member, so in July we will drop the unpaid members. As of 3/29/24: Bank balance is \$20,215.38 with outstanding checks of \$2375.
- **VP of Affirmation:** – Vacant – **Need a volunteer for this position** – Dori Fitzgerald has documented the expense and attendance of the Affirmation dinners for years, 2022 and 2023. The 2024 estimated attendance (same as 2022): Clergy/deacons/wives = 32; 48 Serrans and Spouses (to pay \$55 each). Pinoccios in Longmont (June 25) total cost = \$3540 with Serrans paying \$2640 from ticket sale. The expense balance for dinner tickets is ~\$900. The gifts to priests and deacons = \$3055; with a total expense of ~ \$4000. Members are welcome to buy a dinner for the religious.
Bill Fitzgerald volunteered for the VP of Affirmation starting in June.
Details approved by the board, unanimously.
- **VP of Membership:** Kathy Kaler – Kathy and MaryEllen will be going to the Eucharistic Congress in July. They will be volunteers at the Serra group. Their packet contains VIP seats at the sessions. They will give us a report on their return.
- **VP Communications:** - Amy Michaelis – Amy will publish in the May newsletter how to log-into Club Express on the Serra website and how to verify your information; this is your own profile site.
- **VP of Vocations:** Judy and Jim Heinze – Absent
- **VP for Parish Liaisons:** – Rita Roberts – Jan questioned if Rita had all the information she needed from Jim and Judy to disperse the information to the parishes regarding various vocational events via the liaison contacts. Rita was hoping to meet with Jim and Judy today to discuss the transition. Lot of the information originates from Amy Michaelis.
The religious schools in our deanery will be contacted once we have dates and agenda of what we would like to implement in the schools regarding vocations. Once there is a contact person in each school, they will be the liaison for that school and Rita will work with them to disseminate vocational information. Still need a liaison/contact person for Nativity of Our Lord.
Jan found a 'Harvest' book by Rhona Gruenewald; a Guide to Vocation Ministry in Education. The book contains many ideas about presenting vocations to students, with resources along with

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contests. Book is grouped into grades. The cost is \$17 each, will order five and give one to each of the school's religious coordinators and one for home school people. Jan has received approval from the St John's school to proceed there in giving out information regarding vocations. Approved \$85 to purchase 5 books, unanimous. Kathy will order the books. Heather Elhardt, SHJ school registration director, was present in Jubilee Hall and was happy to hear about our plans.

- **VP of Programs:** – Vacant – **Need a volunteer for this position** (Jan has been coordinating programs) May programs are listed below. Will have installation of officers on May 17, Fr Coyte might help with the installation or any of the past District Governors in our club may do so. There is a member who has not been inducted, another person has paid dues, but has not filled out an application form. May have two inductees.
- **President Elect:** Vacant – **Need a volunteer for this position**
- **Trustee Report:** Peggy Morrow, Jerome Higgins
- **President:** Jan Landers – Jan had requested a brief Officer Description and had only received answers from two of the VPs. She would like to include the job descriptions in a booklet and Amy will post them on-line. This is so new officers will know their responsibilities. Jan has the Policy Manual updates done for the various gifts to be given to priests/religious for Anniversaries and Affirmation. Christmas gifts to Seminarians will continue to be a separate donation from the members around Christmas time. Rita reported that there is no date for the Serra Salute yet. Two nominees for the Serra Salute candidates have been given to the Archbishop for approval of a candidate or both.

Next board meeting: Friday, May 17 following general meeting in SHJ Jubilee Hall

Items pending for next board meeting:

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

- **Programs:** –
May 3 (Fri) – Fr. Cliff McMillan SHJ
May 16 (Thurs) – 3 member delegation (Amy, Rita, and Jan) will meet at St Louis with Fr Tim Hjelstrom
May 17 (Fri) = SHJ- speaker, Fr Tom Coyte and Officer Installation

Added Notes from meeting as written by Jan Landers:

Other Initiatives – Report

Socks for seminarians fundraiser initiatives are led by Kathy Kaler, however, currently no action has been taken to promote this in any parish at this time; probably in the near future.

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No other fundraising ideas were discussed, need to get ideas from all members.

The FOCUS 11 event would likely be coordinated from within the Archdiocese offices. Even though Serra would be open to facilitate this, the complexity of the event would require organizational participation from other sources. Jan will continue to investigate the possibility of reviving the event because of the great feedback from school contacts.

31 Club information on our website shows only that it is inactive. Peggy explained that it was and possibly still is an activity that members participate in. Jan suggested we revive it and yet we will need more time to discuss how to evaluate: who prays on what days, who is normally in charge of that activity, the best way to re-establish it and even instill it in parishes. More discussion is needed.

Scholarships for Steubenville of the Rockies and FOCUS' Seek conferences were addressed. Peggy identified some logistic issues with the current events and suggested we consider exploring activities that are held at Annunciation Heights instead. More discussion is needed.

Jerome indicated that Bill Fitzgerald has volunteered to become the VP of Affirmations. Peggy said that she has photos of Fr Tom Wells' parish in MA, that has a remarkably fruitful altar server involvement on Holy Thursday including altar server feet washing, candlelight procession, etc. and that the parish has had priests come from all that activity.

Peggy noted there should be some attention paid to a vocation retreat for girls in addition to the altar server gift/awards programs we normally do.

Lengthy discussion surrounded the Serra Foundation, Serra Trust and how and if we should set up a structure (like an online donation tab) for members to easily donate funds. This would probably be instead of our board determining a fixed amount (\$1,000) to automatically allocate to the Serra Trust. The discussion continued to revolve around how to support the Serra Trust, but no final decisions were made.

Amy made a motion to approve Stan's (Bikes for Seminarians) initiative of repairing Michael Sparks' bike for the upcoming 'Biking for Babies' Event; up to \$100 and upon presentation of the receipt of expenditure. Peggy seconded the motion. All voted yes, so it is approved.