**Serra Club Board Meeting | Oct 14 and Oct 21, 2021| 6:00pm**

**Attendees (Oct 14):**

1. Tom Farley, President
2. Judi Eilertson, Secretary/Vice President of Communications
3. Susie Flood, VP Programs
4. Victoria Carver, Trustee

**Absent**: David Pieper, Jerry Murphy, Jo Helling, Larry Schmitz, Bill Cook

**Attendees (Oct 21) | Meeting at 5:00pm to get 50% quorum**

Tom, David, Jerry, Judi, Susie, Bill, Larry, Victoria.

Absent: Jo

Guest: Mike Downey

Both meetings were called to order with an opening prayer by President Tom Farley

**Meeting Minutes:** The July 2021 minutes were read and approved. Motion by Victoria/Larry.

**Treasurer Report (Jun-Aug 2021)** – Bill/Jerry. Reports reviewed and approved. Motion by Bill/Susie

* **Motion approved to purchase QuickBooks Online (QBO).** Motion by Judi/Victoria
* **$300/year license fee** ($25/month)
  + Allows access to other board of trustee members
  + Records are accessed online, not maintained on one personal PC
  + Facilitates an easier transition to subsequent treasurers
  + Thank you and Tax Receipts for member donations
  + Online donation capability
* **Seminarian Birthdays 1Q:** By Dec 1, send check to Bill Ehm for Jan-Mar
* **Send semi-annual dues notices –** by December 1 (Due to USAC & SI by Jan 15)

**Communications Report**: Judi(Jul-Sep)

* **Catholic Foundation of SW Iowa** (CFSWIA) – Serran article for Annual Report
* **Catholic Mirror** – September article summarizing our Seminarian Luncheon, Priest Picnic and Priesthood Sunday
* **Club Directory** – Distribution targeted for early 2022 events-(adjusted date from holidays to minimize mailings)
* **Calendar of Events** – Published and posted (Holy Happy Hour, Announced date for Bishop’s Burse)
* **Serra International Convention –** 250 attendees with outstanding speakers, Mass and shared experiences for how other Serrans manage membership, programs, communications, and work with their local parish.
  + Shared feedback and ideas from the other clubs regarding Communications, Membership and Programs (tips, tools, and best practices). Mentioned organizationtoolkit.com can allow online donations, etc.

**Membership Report**: David - **16 new members** to date **for July 2021- June 2022**

* **New Member Recognition Dinner** – Feb 27, 2022
  + **Chair: David** ( ? ) Judi will create sign up to ask for volunteers for planning committee)
  + Location: (Possibly Santino’s Italian Ristorante or Latin King)
    - Past guidelines: $30-35/head | Cash bar | ½ desserts
  + Recognizing all new members since July 2020 (no event last year).
  + Possibly photocopy ‘blank’ Serra certificate on hand to present vs ordering from Serra store for $3

**Program Report**: Susie

* **Holy Happy Hour (5:30pm-7:30pm) - Thursday, October 28 at DoMNE House of Prayer** 
  + Mass 5:30pm | Social 6:00-6:30pm | Speaker 6:30-7:30pm
  + Talk Title:  **Hermits, Old and New: Living an Ancient Vocation in Modern Times**
    - One of the earliest vocations in the Church is alive and growing today.
    - What is it? Why and how does it develop?
    - What does the hermit contribute to the Body of Christ?

**Victoria Carver** will share her journey of discovering the answers to these questions and reflect on the meaning of the eremitic vocation in our world, and our diocese, at this time.

* Susie will visit with Mary Jo Harty about possible shared speakers for Holy Hours
  + 1Q ’22 Program event - Thursday, January 27, 2022 at St. Augustin
  + 2Q ’22 Program event - Thursday, April 21, 2022 at Sacred Heart
* **Bishop’s Burse – Sunday, March 27, 2022** 
  + **Chair: Jo Helling** Ask for volunteers for planning committee

**Vocation Report:**  None

**Old Business:**

* **Seminarian Luncheon** Debrief – (we received a lovely Thank you from Stanley Asjes)
* **Priest Picnic** Debrief. Next year’s date will be September 26, 2022 (Monday after Priesthood Sunday)
* **Priesthood Sunday** Debrief from St Francis of Assisi experience. Broaden next year to more parishes
  + **Received** 41 cards at SFA (provided blank notes and envelopes)
  + **We provided Bulletin Announcement and Prayers of the Faithful**
  + **Table in Parish Hall** (Coffee/donut weekend) and **Door Greeters (**distributed business cards with Serra Prayer for Vocations on the back**)**
* **Diocesan Car Policy** for foreign born priests – Tom reviewed the policy and how we Serrans are assisting

**New Business:**

* **St. Serra ‘Ambassador’** – Tom recommended a new Ambassador program for the club:
  + Purpose: Support/lead parish programs in their own parish on behalf of the St. Serra Club of DM
  + Goal: Increase our membership by at least 2 members per parish for 2021-22 and 2022-23
  + Tom will get list of DM area parishes/key leaders
* **St. Serra Banner** – **Motion passed to purchase a new pop-up banner with Serra logo**. Motion by Jerry/Susie
* **Deacon Recognition** – Consider sending a card of congratulations from St Serra Club
  + We will also help the Diocese staff with their June Ordinations (recently interrupted by COVID)
* **Seminarian Display Board** Susie will ask for updated list of Seminarians (birthday, school, year, etc)
  + We use the list for the birthday gift and Christmas/finals boxes (with shared KC funding)
  + Judi will ask Melody Tanines if she would create 3 sets of Seminarian (tri-fold) displays
* **Weekly Rosary for Vocations –** Mike shared thatMary Nell Carpenter has agreed to reinstate this program

The meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer by President Tom. Motion by Jerry/Susie.

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**Upcoming Calendar Dates/Events:**

1. **BoT meeting with Fr Ross** – Thursday, October 21, The Other Place, 6:00pm
2. **Holy Happy Hour** – Thursday, October 28, 2021
   * + ***The Solemnity of All Saints*** *– Monday, November 1 (moved to Sunday)*
3. **National Vocation Awareness week** – November 7-13, 2021 (Bulletin announcement and Diocesan FB)
   * + ***Immaculate Conception Holy Day – Wednesday, December 8***
     + ***the Nativity of our Lord, Jesus Christ Holy Day – Saturday, December 25***
     + ***Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*** *–* ***Saturday, January 1***
4. **Board of Trustees (BoT)** – January 13, 2022 (6:00pm, location TBD--DoMNE House of Prayer?)
5. **Holy Happy Hour** – Thursday, January 27, 2022

**Member event** | **BoT meeting** | **Serra Calendar** | ***Holy Day***