**Serra Club Board Meeting | April 12, 2023**

**Attendees:**

1. Tom Farley, President and Cultural Outreach
2. David Pieper, President Elect
3. Jerry Murphy, Treasurer
4. Judi Eilertson, Secretary/Vice President of Communications
5. Ellen Harvey, incoming Secretary
6. Dale Helling, Vice President of Programs
7. Jo Helling, Past President
8. Jon Thill, Foundation Representative
9. Fr. Larry, Chaplain

**Absent**: Scott Flood

**Meeting Minutes:** The January 2023 minutes were read. Motion to approve by Tom and Jon

**Treasurer Report and CFSWIA Fund review** – Jerry. Motion to approve Treasurer reports by Dale and Fr. Larry

* Jerry will update **CFSWIA fund signatures** – Jerry and David only (for 2 years)
* Review and approve guidelines for our **Website dmserra.com**
	+ The club paid $125 in November 2022 for a 5-year license to keep the domain name.
	+ The club paid $120 in March 2023 for a 1-year commitment for the weebly platform to host the site.
		- "[dmserra.com](http://dmserra.com/)" vs "weebly/[demserra.com](http://demserra.com/)"
* Membership Dues – Increase from $120/year to $150/year for regular members, effective July 1, 2023.
* **Seminarian Birthdays 2Q:** By June 1, 2023 send check to Bill Ehm for 6 birthdays July-Sep
	+ Matthew (Jul 3), Dominic (Jul 6), Blake (Jul 23), Luis (Aug 11), Deacon Jason (Sep 14), Andrew (Sep 17)

**Communications Report**: Judi

* Recognized **Catholic Sisters Week** (March 8-14)
	+ Bulletin Insertions (11 parishes) for Catholic Sisters Week purpose and goals
	+ **33 Sisters in DM Diocese** (Began with 36, 1 passed on March 6, two had moved from DM area)
		- Check on Sr. Vicki (used to teach music at SFA) – Update: No longer lives in DM area either.

**Membership Report:** (**159 members, 11 new, 11 lost, 2 net gain ytd** (**July 1, 2022** 157 **- June 30, 2023)**

* **New Member Induction Mass, Pray for Deceased Serrans by Name** and **Member Milestone Recognition** Dinner
	+ Invite Bishop and Vocation Director (Bishop not able to attend. Fr. Ross may attend -tbd)
	+ Induction Mass 5:30pm
	+ Remember Deceased Serrans by Name (Read during the Prayers of the Faithful)
	+ Dinner (Lidderdale Country Store) 6:30pm-7:00pm
	+ Program: 7:00pm-8:15pm
		- Distribute New Member Certificates
		- Recognize **Milestone Members and Past Presidents**
		- Show **New Member Orientation** (YouTube)

**Program Report:** Dale

* **Holy Happy Hour (5:30pm-7:30pm) –Merge with New Member and Deceased Serrans, Member dinner**
	+ **Moved to Thursday, April 27, 5:30pm-7:30pm**
	+ **Saint Boniface Catholic Church, Lidderdale Catering**
* **Holy Happy Hour (5:30pm-7:30pm) –** moved to **Wednesday, August 2, 2023**
	+ Venue: **Dowling Catholic HS**
	+ Speakers: **Jon Wisnieski and Fr. Reed Flood**

**Vocation Report:** Scott

* NONE
* Judi will send status reports for current programs to Scott for input and updates.
1. **Seven Serrans** -Mary Jo Harty, Chair. Updated for July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023
2. **31 Club Rosary** -Mary Nell Carpenter, Chair. Quarterly updates to members…?
3. **Adopt a Seminarian – Cindy Jensen, Chair.** Updates/new ideas to participants…?
4. **Altar Server Recognition** update – Pilot with 6 parishes, Spring 2023
	1. Holy Trinity, Christ the King, St. Boniface, St. John’s (Adel), St. Anthony, and St. Francis of Assisi

**Old Business:**

* Recognized **Catholic Sisters Week** (March 8-14)
	+ MANY lovely thank you notes received. The Sisters were very pleased with the gifts!

**New Business:**

* **New Member Induction and Pray for Deceased *Serrans by Name* Mass and member dinner** (April 27, 2023)
* Cultural Ambassador program – Tom (Goal is to seek Hispanic Seminarians)
* **Central Region** planning team(IA, IL, KS, MO, OK, NE, AR) for **Convention,** **Oct 11-12, 2024** **in DM** (Theme, Venues, Speakers)- No update
* **VP Membership -** Jeanne is no longer able to assume this role. We will seek nominations

Next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on **Wednesday, July 24, 2023**

The meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer by President Tom.

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**Upcoming Calendar Dates/Events:**

* **New Member Induction Mass, Deceased Serrans, Member dinner – April 27**
* **Religious Brothers Day on Feast of St. Joseph, the Worker (May 1)** – bulletin announcement Apr 29/30
* **World Day of Prayer for Vocations (May 8)** – bulletin announcement May 6/7
* ***Ascension of Jesus* (Thursday, May 18)**
* **World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests (June 16)** – bulletin announcement June 10/11
* **Memorial of St. Junipero Serra – (July 1) –** bulletin announcement June 24/25
* **Board of Trustees meeting – July 24**

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

**PRAYER for PRIESTS**

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests.

Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.

Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.

Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen

**DM SERRA PRAYER for VOCATIONS**

God, Our Father, today may I have an opportunity by my actions to encourage a vocation

to the religious life. Help me to conduct myself in a Christian manner that I might give

proper example, particularly to the young. Through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit

may I also support those in religious life, in their vocation of service to your Church.

May the sincerity of my prayers and my concern for vocations result in an increase

of laborers for Jesus and His Church. Amen