**Serra Club Board Meeting | Jan 18, 2023 (postponed until Feb 8 for weather)| 6:30pm**

**Attendees:**

1. Tom Farley, President
2. Jerry Murphy, Treasurer
3. Judi Eilertson, Secretary/Vice President of Communications
4. Susie Flood, (proxy for Scott)
5. Jeanne Thill, VP Membership (and proxy for Jon)
6. Fr. Larry, Chaplain

**Absent**: David Pieper, Scott Flood, Jon Thill, Ellen Harvey, Dale Helling, Jo Helling

**Meeting Minutes:** The October 2022 minutes were read. Motion to approve by Jerry/Fr. Larry

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

* Increase **memorial donation to $75 going forward along with a single rose** from the Saint Serra Club of Des Moines
* Update **CFSWIA fund signatures** – Update to Jerry and David only (for 2 years)
* Approve guidelines for **Convention attendance expenses** – Postponed until April BoT meeting for more discussion
* **Seminarian Birthdays 2Q:** By Mar 1, 2023 send check to Bill Ehm for 3 birthdays Apr-Jun
	+ Kyle Rowan Luke Mohan, Liam Dale (April 10, May 14, June 12)

**Communications Report**: (Judi)

* Recognized **Catholic Schools Week** (K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and HS) – Jan 29-Feb 4, ‘23 (last Sunday in January for 1 week)
	+ Bulletin Insertions (11 parishes) for Catholic Schools week purpose and goals
	+ Age appropriate Vocations coloring sheets and Vocations bookmarks
* Recognized **World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life** (Feb 2) with Bulletin Insertion

**Membership Report:** (Jeanne) **157 members, 11 new, 11 lost, 0 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
* Schedule **New Member Orientation** (YouTube/Social) – **date TBD**

**Program Report:** (Dale)

* **Holy Happy Hour (5:30pm-7:30pm) –Merge with New Member and Deceased Serran Mass, Member dinner**
	+ **Wednesday, April 26, 5:30pm-7:30pm**
	+ **Venue/Dinner**
* **Holy Happy Hour (5:30pm-7:30pm) – Wednesday, July 26, 2023**
	+ Venue:
	+ Speaker:

**Vocation Report:** Scott

* Scott will draft notes with program chairs for Judi to send out to the Membership to remind and encourage the participants of the goals of these important programs:
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** (Spiritually) – Cindy Jensen, Chair. Updates/new ideas to participants…?
* **Altar Server Recognition** update – No update.
	+ We will 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:**

* Deacon Appreciation Luncheon recap (November 19, St. Johns, Adel)
* Membership Dues – Increase from $120/year to $150/year for regular members, effective July 1, 2023.

**New Business:**

* New VP roles:
	+ Dale Helling, Programs
	+ Jeanne Thill, Membership
	+ Jon Thill, Foundation Rep
	+ Ellen Harvey, Secretary
	+ Tom Farley, Past President and Hispanic Outreach
* Catholic Schools Week Recognition - Judi
* New Member Induction and Pray for Deceased *Serrans by Name* Mass and member dinner (move to April 26, 2023)
* Hispanic Ambassador program – Tom
	+ Goal is to seek Hispanic Seminarians
* Chair for Catholic Sisters Week (March 8-14) – Geri Boesen
* Organize planning team for **Central Region** (IA, IL, KS, MO, OK, NE, AR) **Convention,** **Oct 11-12, 2024** **in DM**– Attendees Susie, Tom, David, Judi, and Fr Larry will share experiences from this year and ask members to join a planning committee. (Theme, Venues, Speakers)

Next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 12, 2023**

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

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**Upcoming Calendar Dates/Events:**

* **Catholic Schools Week** **– Jan 29-Feb 4, 2023** – gifts to students. Bulletin announcement, Jan 28/29
* **World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life** **(February 2)** -bulletin announcement, January 28/29, 2023
* **Catholic Sisters Week (March 8-14) –** bulletin announcement March 4/5
* **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
* **World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests (June 16)** – bulletin announcement June 10/11

**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