

SEVEN DOLORS PASTORAL COUNCIL

~ For the greater glory of God, we will do as Christ tells us. ~

PASTORAL COUNCIL

In Attendance: Jason Ellis (P), Joe Wolf, Judy Parks, Tamra Storms (S)

Ex Officio: Deacon Ed Souza

Absent: Fr. Gale Hammerschmidt, Gloria Green, Mo Glende, Megan Major, Rhonda Felderhoff

Opening Prayer - Deacon Ed

Approval of Minutes from Monday, May 20th, 2024

REPORTS

Finance Report — Mo Glende, meeting 5/23/24

- Stacie Levendofsky provided Budget v. Actual, Profit and Loss, and Profit and Loss comparison for the estate management.
- The 2024-2025 budget was approved.
- A new sound system is being purchased for the choir loft to integrate WiFi and headsets.
- The Building Committee met with Kevin Clark and received two designs for the kitchen. Designs will be sent out to contractors for bids.
- The council continues to discuss insurance policies and options.
- HVAC system in the adoration chapel is in need of being replaced. Ulises is working on seeking bids for the new system.
- IT expenses at MCS has been high compared to previous years that had help from COVID grants. Fundraisers are planned.
- Whitney Riley has joined the council. An additional member is still needed.

(The complete report is attached and becomes a permanent part of these minutes.)

Latino Liaison — Gloria Green

- Adult Ed will continue in Spanish on Thursday evenings.
- Father Raphael will be coming to help with Mass and confessions twice monthly. Father Leo also has a background in Spanish.

Commission Reports — Joe Wolf

Liturgy

- Official meeting will take place after Fr. Leo has arrived.
- EMOC meeting was held with Deacon Ed with much success.
- Hospitality is being informed of security needs to take care of disruptions during Mass times. They will also lock side doors after Mass starts so that only one access is available during Mass times.
- Alex Trout, music director, has looked into upgrading the sound system to be capable for Wi-fi and headsets for the choir.

MCS/Council of Education — Megan Major

- MCS has a complete teaching staff for the 2024-2025 school year. Three new teachers are joining the staff. Welcome!
 - Maggie Berning, School Counselor, originally from Lenexa, KS.
 - Kevin Jackson, Music and Band, from Wakefield, KS.
 - Emily Genereux, Jr. High Religion and 6th Grade Social Studies, from Clyde, KS.
- Applications for substitute teachers are being accepted. To be considered you must:
 - Complete a Certified Teacher/MCS Application
 - Have a teaching or substitute license
 - Interview with the principal for approval
 - Complete CMG 'Safe Environment Training,' 'Establishing Appropriate Boundaries,' and a background check for Salina Diocese.
- Preschool/ASP Summer Camp hours are 7:15a-5:45p.
- Enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year is 278. MCS is open to the public in all grade levels. Registration will begin mid-July. We have space in our classrooms for new students and plenty of room in the MCS community for new families! Please consider recruiting. Building tours can be scheduled throughout the MCS office. Links for enrollment can be found at: <https://www.manhattancatholicschools.org/>
- There are financial aid dollars available to K-8th grade. Families can apply online by going to ****TADS Financial Aid LOGIN****. Then click on 'Create An Account' to begin the process.
- Father Blasi will be working with Father Gale and MCS. He is moving from Plainville where he worked within the Sacred Heart Catholic School.
- The 36th annual MCS Golf Tournament is June 21st at Stagg Hill Golf Club. Information can be found at: <https://ourshool.support/MCSGolf>.
- The Stir It Up Event will be held August 23rd in the Seven Dolors basement. The 41st annual MCS auction is set for October 4th, 2024 at the STM Utopia Room. More volunteers are needed for the auction committee.
- MCS Flag Project raises over \$10,000 for the MCS PTO. Please consider volunteering in the following Sign Up Geniuses: [4th of July Sign Up Genius](#), [Labor Day Sign Up Genius](#), [Veterans Day Sign Up Genius](#).

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Catholic Formation — Deacon Ed

- Adult Education will continue when Jenn Hinnen is on maternity leave in June. Carlos Palacios will be leading.
- OCIA candidates started early to help military members join the church before their deployment, without waiting until next Easter. A second class will also be held for spring/Easter 2025.

Parish Life

- Meeting is 6/19/24 to set date and time for Parish Picnic.

Building and Grounds — Deacon Ed

- A meeting was held with architect, Kevin Clark, regarding the kitchen remodel. Finance and Parish Councils will review and approve expenditures after bids are completed. Approval will also be needed from the Diocese. They will create two proposals:
 - Work within current space/walls with new appliances and upgrades as needed.
 - Move the west wall forward to increase space and storage.
- Bob's Air Conditioning and Plumbing put in the most cost effective bid offer for the HVAC system for the Adoration Chapel.

Evangelization — Judy Parks

- Six new members have joined Seven Dolors since March. The commission will meet on 6/20/24 to make calls and welcome bags will be distributed. All are invited to welcome new parishioners at anytime and especially introduce them to our Pastors, Deacon Ed, and Parish members.
- STM has sent over information for Seven Dolors to start a chapter for a Caregivers' Support Group. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring more parishioners into ministry and continue to grow our Parish. We will need a group leader to get this started.
- Fr. Tony Stephens from Fathers of Mercy will be here the second week of Advent 2024 for the Parish Mission. The Mission will focus on Reconciliation. It is a free will offering for four nights. SDCW will host a reception.

Social Action — Tamra Storms

- Planning for Arts on the Green is underway. This annual fundraising event will be held Sept 8th, 2024 at the Green Space north of the Lucky Building. Beneficiaries will be the Women's Crisis Center and Manhattan Area Resettlement Team.
 - Invitations are being extended to Seven Dolors artists, local artists include BeAble and MAC, Kathy Austin and friends from Ogden, and Rooted Fair Trade.
 - There will also be food trucks, carriage rides, kids' art and activities. More info to come as planning continues.

Old Business**New Business**

- Deacon will continue as parish director for the first few weeks that Fr. Leo is here to help with the transition.
- Vacant positions on the Pastoral Council will be appointed by Fr. Leo. The constitution was reviewed for membership, vacancies, and appointees. Discussion will be held to consider adding a member from the K of C and SDCW as well.

Pastor's Comments**Announcements**

- MC3 is planning a welcome social for the new priests, staff members, and new parishioners on July 22nd at 7p in STM Utopia Room.

Next Meeting: Monday, August 19th, 2024 @ 7p in the church basement

Closing Prayer - Deacon Ed