

SEVEN DOLORS PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

PASTORAL COUNCIL

In Attendance: Tamra Storms (S), Mo Glende, Joe Wolf, Hanna Coffman

Ex Officio: Fr. Leo Blasi

Absent: Gloria Green

Opening Prayer - Fr. Leo Blasi

Approval of Minutes from Monday, November 18th, 2024. No meeting was held in December.

REPORTS

Finance Report — Mo Glende; meeting was held 11/21/24

- Stacie Levendofsky will review overall budget, noting that several transfers were made to the money market and an estate management account was created to handle rent. Overall donations are up while cost of employee benefits are down.
- The Heidl estate auction is still expected. An ICS account was created to invest funds when not using CDs.
- Finance Council Guidelines were updated and signed including Confidentiality Agreement and Conflict of Interest form. These records will be filed and updated every five years.

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

Latino Liaison — Gloria Green

- Father Rafael continues to be the Presider for Spanish Masses multiple times per month.
- Spanish member numbers continue to increase at Masses.
- There is consideration by the Diocese to find Father Rafael permanent residence in Manhattan.

Commission Reports

Liturgy — Joe Wolf

- Next meeting will be held prior to Lent.
- HOSPITALITY is in need of more volunteers.
- LECTORS are in need of more volunteers.

MCS/Council of Education

- Classes resumed Monday, January 6th. Enrollment is approx 300 including the preschool.
- Catholic Schools Week is January 26th — February 2nd, 2025.
- The BVL Basketball Tournament will run January 27th — February 1st.
- The master schedule for all sports and results can be found at: <https://www.manhattancatholicschools.org/athletics>
- The Science Fair & Invention Convention will be held February 15th.
- Kindergarten Information Night is March 3rd.
- Mr. Hubka received a good report from his last cardiology appointment and is healing well after the placement of a defibrillator.
- A School Nutrition Cook and a Librarian are needed for the remainder of the school year. A Music teacher(s) will be needed for the 2025-2026 school year. Rod and Shelley Manges are filling in at this time for the Spring 2025 semester.
- Applications for substitute teachers are being accepted. Please contact the administrative office for details at 785-565-5050.
- Volunteering opportunities and requirements can be discussed by contacting Rhonda Machin, MCS Secretary and Safety Coordinator. CMG Connect Safe Environment Training is required by the Diocese for school volunteers.
- QR Codes for Teacher 'Wishlist' Supplies can be found at manhattancatholicschool.org - select home page.

Catholic Formation — Gloria Green (interim)

- The Formation Director has been filled with two co-directors — Carlos Palacios and Margaret Haugh. They will share director and church office responsibilities.

Parish Life — no meeting until after January 2025

- The church Birthday Dinner will be March 2nd, the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, with a Mardi Gras theme.

Building and Grounds — Fr. Leo

- Architects are working on the plans for a full church kitchen remodel. It will take place between April — August 2025.
- Funeral dinners will be held in the MCS School Cafeteria during the remodel and K of C breakfasts will be paused.
- Bishop Vincke gave approval to move forward with a new Parish Center and Preschool. A Capital Campaign is not necessary. The Chapel and Budget Shop will remain at their current location.

Evangelization — Fr. Leo (interim)

- The mini-retreat will take place 2-3 evenings during Lent. It will be hosted by Pablo and Debora Martinez from Tulsa, OK. This couple has also been appointed by Bishop Vincke to lead the *Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)*. NCW places a strong emphasis on 'New Evangelization' outlined by Pope Francis.

- A Religious Order in Nebraska is considering expanding and adding a Convent in Manhattan. Land is likely being donated, and they are imploring Manhattan area Parishes to help with additional expenses to see this through.

Social Action — Tamra Storms

- The annual Advent Giving Tree collection was held successfully to sponsor 17 local families in need. Seven Dolors continues to be a most generous Parish. The gifts filled two rooms in the Parish Center and were distributed to families on December 19th.

Seven Dolors Catholic Women — Hanna Coffman

- SDCW are re-writing their bylaws for the new board model being implemented.
- The Secretary position needs to be filled due to the previous Secretary moving out of state.
- A winter Bible Study will start on Thursday, January 23rd. It will be held weekly from 9-11a in the church basement for 8 weeks and will end mid-March.
- A Ministry Fair is being considered to add members to SDCW and Seven Dolors' Commissions.

Old Business

- Nominations were received for the Pastoral Council by Parish members. The new Pastoral Council members will join the council at the next meeting in February.

New Business

Pastor's Comments

Announcements

Next Meeting: Monday, February 24th, 2024 @ 7p in the church basement

Closing Prayer - Fr. Leo