

## Seven Dolors Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes | August 25, 2025

**In attendance: Tamra Storms (expiration of term); Logan Britton, Hanna Coffman, Shannon Ruder, Whitney Riley, Brayson Benne, Joe Wolf (2025/2026 council)**

**Ex Officio: Fr. Leo Blasi, Gloria Green**

**Approval of Minutes from Monday, June 16, 2025**

**Opening prayer - Fr. Leo Blasi**

- The meeting began with discussion of nominating a new secretary, as Tamra's term has expired, and formally nominating a president. The group has operated without a president for some time, as Tamra was serving as both secretary and quasi-president. Logan Britton was nominated as president, and Hanna Coffman as secretary. All in attendance were in agreement. Hanna will remain the SDCW liaison, Shannon will remain the Parish Life liason, Brayson will remain the Building and Grounds liason, and Joe will remain the Liturgy liason. The group is still in need of members for Finance, Council of Education, Knights of Columbus, and Social Action.

**Reports**

**Finance Report - Fr. Leo Blasi (interim)**

- Mo Glende's term expired. We are in search of someone to fill this position. Finance Council has a meeting scheduled Thursday, August 28 and it will be discussed then.

**Latino Liason - Gloria Green**

- Fr. Raphael officially began his permanent position at Seven Dolors.
- There was a retreat for Hispanic ministry leaders of the diocese July 25-27 with the theme of "Listen, Teach, Send," mainly focusing on youth and young adults. On September 2, there will be a meeting with the bishop and leaders who attended the retreat to follow up and discuss.
- Bishop Vincke is visiting our parish on August 26 for an open forum and discussion with immigrants in the area to let their voices be heard.
- The 4th annual Spanish festival will be held October 19 from 4-7pm in the MCS cafeteria. See the bulletin for more information.

**Liturgy - Joe Wolf**

- No meeting. Announcement that Alex Trout has resigned from our music program, and we are looking to fill the position immediately. The search for a replacement will begin next week.

### **MCS/Council of Education**

- School kicked back off!
- Going forward, if no liaison is nominated for the council, the secretary will gather information from the MCS office and website to include in the minutes.

### **Catholic Formation - Gloria Green (interim)**

- Carlos is working on setting up two retreats, one for women and one for men, with both Spanish and English options.
- OCIA starts back up tomorrow, August 26. Tuesday nights will be in English and Wednesday nights will be in Spanish. Current attendance is around 6 for Tuesday and 11 for Wednesday, with numbers expected to increase.
- The Catholic Book Club continues to meet on Monday evenings at 6:10pm. On September 8, the discussion will begin on Interior Freedom by Jacques Phillippe, and Story of a Soul by St. Therese of Lisieux will begin October 6.

### **Parish Life - Shannon Ruder**

- The Parish Picnic is planned for September 7 at Sunset Zoo. All parishioners are invited to attend, beginning at 5:15pm. Welcome, prayer, and the meal will begin at 5:30pm. Meat, dessert, and drinks will be provided. Check the bulletin or flyers for information on what type of side to bring based on your last name.

### **Building and Grounds - Brayson Benne**

- An open house for the kitchen renovation and upcoming construction projects was held on August 21. Attendance was approximately 120. Comments from those in attendance were collected. The committee meets tomorrow, September 26, to discuss.

### **Evangelization - Fr. Leo Blasi (interim)**

- Discussion of eliminating this position. Currently no meetings are being held. Should this change, the council will discuss reinstating the position.

### **Social Action**

- We are in need of a member for this position. Duties include helping with Arts on the Green and Pilgrim Bread. If interested in joining this group, please contact the office.

### **Seven Dolores Catholic Women - Hanna Coffman**

- The women last met in July, with the newly instated 2025/2026 Board. Nearly all positions have been filled, with the exception of the Funerals chair. The group is

continuing to help with funerals and is operating successfully without an assigned chair, but are actively looking to fill the position.

- The Board is hosting a monthly ladies coffee hour, held the second Saturday of each month. Announcement of location for each month can be found in the bulletin and from the SDCW email account. The next coffee hour is Saturday, September 13 at 9am in the church basement. Past attendance has been 15-20 ladies on average.
- The group plans to host a bake sale outside of the church after the morning masses on Sunday, September 28. All proceeds will be used to grow the social events for the SDCW.
- The next Board meeting will be held Monday, September 8 at 6pm in the church basement.

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

- The office is planning a stewardship drive for lectors, EMOC, hospitality, etc.
- A parish mission will begin September 15, the “Neocatechumenal Way.” This is a catechesis for adults and youth. All are encouraged to attend on Mondays and Thursdays at 7:30pm in the church basement.
- The wrong stove was received for the kitchen. We are currently in works to trade out and replace the stove. Full use and access to the kitchen by the parish groups may be pushed out until this is resolved. It was asked who will be in charge of organizing and setting up the kitchen. Fr. Leo advised that the office staff will facilitate this and reach out to the appropriate groups.

### **Pastors Comments**

- Construction for any of the new building projects will not begin until June 2026.

### **Announcements**

*Next Meeting: Monday, Sept. 15, 2025 in the Parish Center*

### **Closing Prayer**