

# SEVEN DOLORS PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

## PASTORAL COUNCIL

**In Attendance:** Jason Ellis (P), Mo Glende, Joe Wolf, Megan Major, Judy Parks, Tamra Storms (S)

**Ex Officio:** Fr. Gale Hammerschmidt, Deacon Ed Souza

**Absent:** Gloria Green, Vanessa Vargas, Rhonda Felderhoff

## Opening Prayer - Fr. Gale

## Approval of Minutes from September 18th, 2023 with corrections

### Motion Carries

## REPORTS

### Finance Report — Mo Glende

- Stacie Levendofsky provided Budget v. Actual and Profit and Loss. Discussed continued increase in expenses, and answered any questions or concerns.
- Tammy Pachta has been researching bylaws for the Seven Dolores finance council. The council will review at the October meeting.
- John Matta and Tony Parker have been researching the bylaws for the MCS Finance Council and CoE.
- The interest rate for the checking account increased from 0.5% to 1%. Interest is being used for MCS for tuition assistance.
- Deacon Ed discussed moving bequeathed money to a higher interest rate account. Proposals from the diocese will be discussed at the October meeting.
- I-Give Catholic funds were used to remodel and upgrade the Budget Shop basement being used by the CYO.
- The rental house owned by the parish west of the Luckey building is getting new renters. Expenses are expected in the need of painting and repairs.

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

### Latino Liaison - Fr. Gale

- A celebration for Hispanic Heritage month was held October 15th in the grade school gymnasium with food, music, dancing, and fun activities. Funds raised will go toward the Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration on December 12th. The celebration was well attended by many local community groups.
- Padre Raphael, a Venezuelan priest in Salina, will come to Manhattan on the third Sundays of the month for Spanish Mass.
- The Hispanic community continues to put emphasis on learning more about Catechesis and the Eucharist.
- The Madres from Salina have been teaching an adult formation class in Spanish.

## Commission Reports

### Liturgy — Joe Wolf

- Meeting will be held Oct 17th, 2023 and will focus on Liturgical Renewal.
- EMOC, hospitality, and servers are still in need. All members are encouraged to sign up for a ministry.
  - Focus to be placed on reaching out to young adults ages 25-40 year old.

### MCS/Council of Education — Megan Major

- The 40th Jubilee MCS school auction will be held October 20, 2023 at STM Utopia Room.
- Parent-Teachers Conferences 10/18 and 10/19. No school 10/20 and 10/21.
- Enrollment is at 274. The school is growing and staying positive for a Catholic High School in the future.
- Replacing busses in the 2026/2027 school year is in discussion and to be revisited at a later date.
- A morning 7a crossing guard and substitute teachers are still needed.
- MCS parents are leading the rosary after the MCS Masses on Fridays to pray for our school and the MCS community. Attendance by all parishioners is encouraged.
- Megan Major is the new school nurse for MCS. She is working as an administrative nurse for the school reviewing student medical files and immunization records to see if they are up to date.
- Hearing screenings will be held 10/24, 10/26, and 10/27 by our Speech Specialist, Trista Peck.
- The school play, *3 Fractured Pigs*, was a huge success and enjoyed by all.
- The Cardinal Volleyball team had a 10-4 record and will complete in the BVL Tournament on October 16th.
- The Luckey/Blue Valley team finished 3-4 with their best season in several years!
- The girls' Cross Country team won the BVL Championship and the boys had a 2nd place finish.
- Junior High Basketball practice will begin October 30th with the first game on November 9th.

- MCS team schedules and results can be found at <https://www.manhattancatholicschools.org/athletics>
- Students and staff took part in Fire Safety Week.
- Halloween parties will be held on October 31st with a costume parade around the block at 2:15p.
- Sign up genius is available to help volunteer for the Flag project: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A44A4AE2CA3F49-veterans3>
- A big thank you was given to the K of C for their efforts with the Chicken BBQ, additional monetary donations they provide, and volunteer time at MCS events. The Knights have a strong partnership with MCS and continue to participate in programs throughout the school year — Free Throw Contest, Keep Christ in Christmas, and the Soccer Challenge. Their tremendous support does not go unnoticed.

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### **Catholic Formation — Deacon Ed**

- The Catholic Formation commission will be rebuilt as Jenn Hinnen continues to take over as the Formation Director and OCIA (formally RCIA) leader.
- Vanessa Vargas will be stepping down from Catholic Formation.
- Religious Ed for grade school and high school continues on Wednesday evenings.
- Year of Mercy retreat is scheduled for our parish on February 11th and 12th, 2024 with Bishop Vincke.

### **Parish Life**

- No meeting. Plans will start for church birthday dinner in the Spring.

### **Building and Grounds — Deacon Ed**

- A building and grounds committee is being put together to manage the grounds and plans for a campus renewal. It will address the need for office and meeting rooms. The parish will be surveying needs and feasibility.
  - Parking. Management of the white house. Needs for parish youth. Health and safety and security.
  - Options for remodeling or putting in new buildings.
  - Longevity for the next 30-40 years. Long term needs and the buildings to support it.
- The committee is looking into using dividends to fund parish building needs and long term maintenance.

### **Evangelization — Judy Parks**

- New church members for the last quarter will be contacted soon and delivered a welcome bag.
- The Chair seat for the Evangelization committee is vacant.
- Discussed providing evangelization around the neighborhood and inviting them to get to know Seven Dolores.

### **Social Action — Tamra Storms**

- Arts on the Green was held Sept. 10th on the green space north of the Lucky Building with good attendance.
- \$2043 was raised to help Common Table with their weekly meals for the community and their plans to move to a centralized gathering space.
- Pilgrim bread sales will be held this Fall after Masses.
- The annual Giving Tree will be hosted again this year during Advent to benefit community organizations in need. The tree and gift tags will be available in the church vestibule after Thanksgiving.

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

- Fr. Gale will likely move into the position as a managerial Pastor for Seven Dolores and St. Isidore's, and oversee Associate Pastors at each Parish. This will be discussed at the next diocesan meeting.

### **Pastor's Comments**

### **Announcements**

**Next Meeting: Monday, November 20th, 2023 @ 7p in the church basement**

**Closing Prayer - Deacon Ed**