

# 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, Tamra Storms (S)

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

**Absent:** Rhonda Felderhoff, Judy Parks

## Opening Prayer - Fr. Gale

## Approval of Minutes from October 16th, 2023 with corrections

### Motion Carries

## REPORTS

**Finance Report — Mo Glende,** Meetings were on Oct 26th and Nov 15th

- Stacie Levendofsky provided Budget v. Actual and Profit and Loss. She pointed out areas affected by timing or changes in situations from year to year. A draft was presented for the annual financial report to the Parish.
- The Parish Center has a roof leak. Estimates are being gathered to repair the flat roof.
- Insurance paid out \$17,000 for damage to the basement window of the church. Deacon Ed suggested physical barriers be added to prevent future damage to the church. BHS will complete the work.
- The parish will grant the city temporary easement for construction in 2024. In exchange, the city will not charge to modify the work needed to keep the warming system under the church sidewalks.
- The Building Committee has been meeting to discuss improvements to the campus.
  - Input from the Historical Society will be used to decide the future of the white house.
  - Funds were moved to the Salina Diocese Foundation to help develop and grow funds until we are ready to move forward with plans for the campus renewal.
- The parish will move funds from checking to a money market account in order to receive a higher interest rate. This will be reviewed quarterly.

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

## Latino Liaison - Gloria Green

- Padre Raphael, a Venezuelan priest in Salina, will come to Manhattan on the first and third Sundays of the month for Spanish Mass. Information was the bulletin on Nov 19th.
- A Hispanic retreat will be held Dec 2nd in the church basement.
- Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration Mass will be held Dec 10th. A Matachines dance will lead the procession of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe in to the church and over to the MCS gymnasium for a celebration after Mass.
- A Las Mananitas service will be held on Dec 12th at 12:01am for the Immaculate Conception. This will be a celebration with songs and the presentation of roses to Our Lady. Hot chocolate and sweet bread will be served following in the church basement.
- Tamales sales will be on Dec 17th after the 12:30pm Mass in the church basement. Purchase by the dozen OR plates of two tamales with rice and beans will also be available. Donations will go to the CYO Youth Ministry.

## Commission Reports

**Liturgy — Joe Wolf,** Meeting held Oct 17th, 2023 and focused on Liturgical Renewal

- Liturgical Renewal will be Sunday, Jan 21st, 2024
  - Lectors are running smoothly and are the best covered ministry with enough to cover all the Masses.
  - Hospitality needs more members. Discussion was had of members receiving CPR and AED training.
  - EMOC needs more members. If anybody knows of people in good standing with the church that would be comfortable in the ministry please let Deacon Ed know.
  - Music ministry would also like to recruit more members.
  - Focus remains on how to get the 25-40 year old age group to volunteer for ministries. Discussed having a sign up table at the K of C breakfasts and SDCW coffee and donuts.
- Alter server training will be Jan 13th, 2024. Possibility of the Confirmation class serving to stay more involved. Working on options to improve accessibility for youth in a wheelchair that has desire to become an alter server.
- Choir will be doing special music for the Midnight Mass. The Children and Youth choir will be singing at the Christmas Eve Mass at 5p.

### **MCS/Council of Education — Megan Major**

- Button and Bows was held Nov 11th with great success with a total income of \$25,868 before expenses. Contracts for next year are already being received.
- Freddy's Dine Out purchases of \$3284.60 earned the PTO \$492.69.
- The 40th Ruby Jubilee Auction was an enjoyable evening raising \$120,000. Thanks to John Matt and the Auction Committee for creating such a success night.
- Over 90% of parents were in attendance for Parent-Teacher Conferences and they were quite productive!
  - Don't forget to complete the annual Parent Catholic Identity Survey at <https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/231313/6366>
- The first dance for the Luckey Junior High was held Oct. 30th.
- MCS K-5th grade classes had a spooky good time at their Halloween parties and parade on Oct. 31st.
- Body Walk experience was held Nov 9th with the theme to help students make healthy choices in support of the MCS Health and Wellness Plan. Students learned about the inner workings of systems and parts of their bodies.
- The Cardinal Basketball teams played their first games on Nov 9th. MCS team schedules and scores can be found at <https://www.manhattancatholicschools.org/athletics>
- The November Free Dress Day resulted in 1187 items collected for the local Blessing Boxes. The total for this school year is 4535 items!
- A need remains for a Morning Crossing Guard and Substitute Teachers.

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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.
- NCCY was attended by 11 youth and sponsors. A wonderful and spiritual time was had by all with great messages — Faith, Fun, and always remember Family and Community.
- 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**

- The city has come back with information regarding the status of our heating pipes in front of church that keep sidewalks warm and thawed, in relation to the city work that will occur on Juliette in the Summer of 2024.
  - The city was going to pay \$8000 to use our open lot, however, it will cost \$10,000 to move the warming system. If we donate land for use they will move the pipe for no charge, saving Seven Dolors money.
- Deacon Ed will meet with city planning committee again next week with concerns that the project will go on for an extended time and affect access to church — parking, access to front of church, events. Deacon will also request to have access to the city lot across from the MCS Grade School for Arts on the Green next year.

### **Evangelization**

- The Chair seat for the Evangelization committee remains vacant.

### **Social Action — Tamra Storms**

- The annual Giving Tree will be hosted again this year during Advent to benefit local families in need.
  - The tree and gift tags will be available in the church vestibule the first weekend of Advent. Gifts will be collected at the church office until Dec. 18th.
- Pilgrim bread sales will be held Dec 8th and 9th after Masses and at the K of C breakfast. Funds raised will go to Catholic Relief Services to help Ukrainian Catholics displaced with the war.

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

### **Pastor's Comments**

Father Gale is very happy with how everything is going. He is doing well handling both parishes, the school, and assigning the Manhattan Priests to cover Masses. He is enjoying the balance between St. Isidore's and Seven Dolors communities. Currently, he has no plans to make changes regarding the flow of Masses.

### **Announcements**

**Next Meeting: Monday, January 15th, 2023 @ 7p in the church basement**

**Closing Prayer - Fr. Gale**