

# 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, Gloria Green

**Absent:** Joe Wolf, Rhonda Felderhoff

## Opening Prayer - Fr. Gale

## Approval of Minutes from November 20, 2023 with corrections

### Motion Carries

A meeting was not scheduled for December. The meeting scheduled for January 15th, 2024 was cancelled due to inclement weather.

## REPORTS

### Finance Report — Mo Glende

- Stacie Levendofsky provided a 'Year to Date' budget report, profit and loss for Seven Dolors and Balance Sheet. She answered questions for the council about line items that were affected by timing or increases from other factors.
- Bulletin printing costs have increased, therefore, the cost of for advertising will increase as well.
- Deacon Ed will be meeting with the law firm that handles the bequest to Seven Dolors. The church intends to sell the land as soon as it becomes feasible.
- The church basement has been completely repaired. Bollards have been installed in the alley to prevent future damage to the building through car accidents.
- The Building Committee will be working with an architectural firm to create a master plan of the campus. The kitchen in the church basement will be a priority for future improvements.
- The white house between the school and the parish center is a historically registered building. The master site plan for campus will be reviewed prior to making a decision for its future.
- Deacon Ed will meet with the city planning committee to discuss disruptions and possible temporary parking for parishioners and parents during the street construction Juliette. Construction is scheduled to begin in May, when school is out of session.

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

### Latino Liaison — Gloria Green

- Padre Raphael, a Venezuelan priest in Salina, has been coming to Seven Dolors for Spanish Masses several times a month with GOOD feedback from parishioners. They especially love that he has been doing the blessing of the homes.
- Via Crucis, Spanish stations of the Cross, are on Fridays at 7p. Hispanic parishioners are sponsoring soups every week.
- OCIA candidates are prepping for three Sacraments, and anyone that has received Sacraments out of sequence. The Madres have been trying to involve parents in Catechesis. The ceremony for these Sacraments will be on Pentecost at 6p.

## Commission Reports

### Liturgy — Joe Wolf

- Preparations for Lent have been completed.
- Liturgical renewal was held with success.
- Next focus will be geared toward Easter and the Easter season.

### MCS/Council of Education — Megan Major

Update as of 1/15/24

- Current enrollment is 236.
- Mr. Hubka completed all the 1st and 2nd year MCS teacher evaluations. Additional evaluations will be completed by February 15th.
- Emergency drills for building evacuation and a reorganization plan will be completed soon.
- MCS teaching faculty attended the annual Salina Diocese Teacher Institute on November 10th. There were presentations on STREAM-based data collection and the Restored Order of Sacraments.
- K-4th and 5th-8th grade Christmas music programs were quite lively and well attended.
- The 2nd nine-weeks and first semester ended on December 20th. No school 12/21/23—1/2/24.
- The Luckey Jr. High basketball season ended with the BVL tourney held Jan 22nd, 25th, and 27th.

- The BVL and Oregon Trail Middle School League will not merge for the 2024-2025 school year, but have agreed to inter-league scheduling of football and basketball to benefit both 8-man and 11-man football and to expand volleyball.
- Two new student teachers will be working with MCS in the second semester — Lauren Cure in the 4th grade classroom and Brandon Bates with Jr High social studies, religion, and technology.
- MCS second graders will have their first Sacrament of Reconciliation in early 2024.
- MCS Spelling Bee was held January 17th in the Luckey Gym. 14 students will compete to represent MCS in the Riley County Spelling Bee.
- 2024 marks the 50th Catholic Schools Week. MCS had events from 1/28/24 — 2/4/24.
- MLK Day was observed and several students were recognized for their contribution to the MAC essay contest.
- The K of C sponsored the Soccer Challenge and Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest.
- Students completed reflective surveys. Data from these are used for our accreditation process.

Update as of 2/19/24

- Catholic Schools Week was full of energy in celebrating Catholic faith at MCS. The students enjoyed the opportunity to engage in many different activities and LEAP on Family Fun Night.
- The Pajama Day Free Dress Day produced the highest amount of contributions for the school year with 1280 non-perishable food items donated. They were split between the Seven Dolores Blessing Box and Ogden.
- The Feldkamp and Machin families spoke at Masses in support of Catholic Schools at STM and Seven Dolores. Bishop Vincke celebrated the all school Mass on Ash Wednesday and enjoyed his time in the classrooms and on the playground.
- The MCS Junior High will be doing Living Stations of the Cross on February 23rd at STM and on March 1st at Seven Dolores, and March 21st at St. Isidore's.
- The Luckey Junior High had a Valentine's Day dance on February 12th sponsored by 7th grade parents.
- The Cardinals began their Scholar's Bowl season with the A-Team finishing 2nd and the B-Team finishing 1st. Both teams finished as undefeated champions at the second meet!
- MCS Science Fair was held February 16th in the Luckey Gym. Students from KSU science program judged.
- First Reconciliation will be completed on February 21st for the second grade students.
- Katelyn Andrist, author of the book 'Becoming Confident' will share a message of awareness of mental health, body positivity, and daily struggles with MCS students on February 21st.
- PTO and Booster Club is meeting February 21st at 6p and 7p. An invitation is extended to all who can attend.
- Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place March 7th from 8a - 8p. The PTO is asking for help in hosting lunch for the staff. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4BAEAB2AA3F85-47721036-ptohospitality>
- Grandparents Day will be celebrated March 1st with details coming.

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

- Year of Mercy retreat was held February 11th and 12th, 2024 with Bishop Vincke.
- Religious Education for adults continues to grow quickly.
- Staff retreat was held with focus on how to support growth of young families in the parish.
- CYO continues to fill basement of budget shop with many members every Wednesday evening.
  - Focus will be placed on how we continue to grow and support the programs and staff involved.
- First Communion will be held April 7th and Confirmation on April 20th.
- Recognition Mass for high school seniors will be May 12th.
- Adult Eucharistic Revival session on Thursday evenings is going well. Carlos Placencia will continue Adult Education when Jenn Heinnen is on maternity leave starting in June.

### **Parish Life**

- The first volunteer appreciation dinner was well attended with approximately 110 parishioners.
- Birthday dinner will be April 9th in the MCS gymnasium. Schatzi's Schnitzel Haus, the German restaurant in Riley, will cater. Entertainment TBD.
- March 4th is the planning meeting for the future of SDCW.

### **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 Dolores 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.
- Repairs have made, windows are replaced.
- The street in front of the church will be designated for loading and unloading for Sunday Masses on a trial basis.
- Building Committee has approved architectural firm, Clark and Associates, out of Lincoln, NE for the comprehensive needs assessment and master plan for the future building project. The firm was used on St. Isidore's project and

has expertise with Catholic churches. Members of the firm will be here for an informal meet and greet. Town hall meetings will be held to kickstart the master plan development.

- Kitchen needs are being addressed ASAP as appliances are breaking down. Financial and Parish Councils will review and approve expenditures after bids are completed from three construction firms.

#### **Evangelization — Judy Parks**

- 11 new members in the last quarter - several members were met with and welcomed.
- Fr. Tony Stephens from Fathers of Mercy will be here the second week of Advent for the Parish Mission. The Mission will focus on Reconciliation. It is a free will offering for four nights. SDWC will host reception.

#### **Social Action — Tamra Storms**

- Pilgrim bread sales will be held during Lent on March 8th, 9th, 10th after Stations of the Cross and at Masses. Funds raised will go towards the building campaign at St. Pat's in Ogden.
- Pre-planning for Arts on the Green will be discussed at the meeting on 2/20/24 in regards to date, location, and beneficiary.

#### **Old Business**

- Kitchen remodel was discussed regarding recommendations from finance council.

#### **New Business**

- Role and purpose of the parish council was discussed.
- Where should the councils notes be published? Costs of bulletin has increased. Publication will be on the website.
- Persons have been appointed for submitting Seven Dolors event information and photos to The Register.

#### **Pastor's Comments**

- A priest will be assigned to Seven Dolors to start residing as permanent pastor July 1st, 2024.

#### **Announcements**

**Next Meeting: Monday, March 18th, 2024 @ 7p in the church basement**

**Closing Prayer - Fr. Gale**