

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, Judy Parks, Tamra Storms (S)

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

Absent: Megan Major, Rhonda Felderhoff

Opening Prayer - Fr. Gale

Approval of Minutes from Monday, March 18th, 2024

REPORTS

Finance Report — Mo Glende , meeting 3/28/24

- Stacie Levendofsky provided Profit & Loss reports, Budget v. Actual reports, and answered any questions.
- The Budget Committee met and discussed a 5% tuition increase and a 3% increase in teachers' salaries.
- Fr. Gale is asking each church to increase their subsidy to MCS. Tammy Pachta made a motion to increase Seven Dolors' subsidy. Mandi McKinley seconded. Motion carried.
- John Matta spoke about Grow Green coming up in April.
- Tammy Pachta suggested forming a subcommittee to review trust documents.
 - Deacon Ed provided a list of incomes on the Heidel estate. Deacon has contacted three companies about selling the property. He asked that two finance council members accompany him when meeting to discuss liquidating the trust with professionals. Mo Glende and Diane Noll volunteered to help.
- Kevin Roberts, from KSU Culinary Services, made recommendations for the kitchen remodel. Architects will write up specifications so we can use those to seek bids. Motion carried to seek bids for the project.
- Diane Noll provided copies of the current insurance coverage on each building for the council to review. The council will continue discussion on this topic at the next meeting.
- Tony Parker is drawing up by-laws for the COE.
- Two new members are needed to replace finance council members reaching the end of their terms.

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

Latino Liaison — Gloria Green

- Bilingual confirmation Mass will be held April 20th.
- Bible study sessions start April 27th. Adult Ed will continue in Spanish on Thursday evenings.
- The Madres from Salina have been asked to return to help with religious education and other faith responsibilities.
- Quinceanera classes were completed March 3rd - April 14th. A Quinceanera celebrates a young woman's 15th birthday and a recommitment to her Faith.

Commission Reports — Joe Wolf

Liturgy

- Liturgy for the Easter season is underway.
- Alex Trout has taken over as music director and is doing a very nice job.
- Deacon Ed hosted training for EMOC and homebound communion.
- Deacon and Alex will look into upgrading the sound system to be capable for Wi-fi and headsets.

MCS/Council of Education — Megan Major

- Message from Mr. Hubka to the Parish and Parish Councils of SD, "Please thank them for the financial support they continue to provide for MCS including extra subsidies, and for the use of the various facilities we use, especially the church and the space in the parish center where the blessing box supplies are stored."
- Kindergarten has enough pre-enrolled students and on the waiting list for next year to warrant an addition of a third classroom. Those who were on the waiting list have been moved to pre-enrolled!
- MCS will have an opening in the fall for a full-time School Counselor, a Music/Band teacher K-8th grade, and substitute teachers. Also considering a part-time Music teacher for K-4th, and a Band teacher for 5th-8th as an option.
 - Superintendent Geoff Andrews, of the Salina Diocese, has created a series of infographics that will be posted on FB. They are aimed at helping hire staff and bring attention to our schools during the current teacher shortage. Please 'like' and 'share' these posts.
- Grow Green Match Day donations need to be received or post-marked by April 22nd for 100% match by Greater Manhattan Community Foundation. 50% of the donations are invested into the MCS Endowment Fund (up to \$7500). This year, Fr. Gale made the appeal during Grandparent's Day for additional matching and they came thru with \$39,050.
- Fourth Grade students are in final stages of State Fair geography research projects. They will be on display April 26th from 12:45-2:30p in the Luckey Gym.
- Fifth Grade students have been working on biological research. The students will present their personal Wax Museum presentations on May 3rd from 1:15p-2:15p in the Luckey Gym.

- The Luckey Track team has done well in three early season meets. There have been school records broken and others approached.
- The Varsity and JV Scholars' Bowl teams regained their Riley County Championship title.
- The classrooms have finished the Kansas State Assessments in Math and ELA and are moving into FastBridge ELA and Math, and Assessment of Religious Knowledge.
- MCS Flag Project raises over \$10,000 for the MCS PTO. Please consider volunteering in the following Sign Up Geniuses: [Memorial Day Sign Up Genius](#), [Flag Day Sign Up Genius](#), [4th of July Sign Up Genius](#), [Labor Day Sign Up Genius](#), [Veterans Day Sign Up Genius](#).
- Spring Concerts will be in the Luckey Gym: 4th Grade on April 29th @ 6:30p; 5th-8th Grades on May 7th @ 6:30p.
- Eight Grade Graduation will take place with a Mass and reception at St. Thomas More on Friday, May 10th @6p.
- The 36th annual MCS Golf Tournament is June 21st at Stage Hill Golf Club. Information can be found at: <https://ourshool-support/MCSGolf>.
- The 41st Annual Auction will be Oct 4th, 2024 in the St. Thomas More Utopia Room. The Stir It Up event will be held August 23rd in the Seven Dolores Church Basement.

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Catholic Formation — Deacon Ed

- Sacraments are blessed and busy!
 - 45 First Communions, 20+ Confirmations this year.
 - Four new members joined the Church at Easter and five will join at Pentecost.
 - August is booked for weddings. There will also be three new wedding coordinators as Tanya is retiring. They will work together with sacramental preparations.
- Recognition Mass for high school seniors will be May 5th.
- Adult Eucharistic Revival session on Thursday evenings is going well. Adult Education will continue when Jenn Hinnen is on maternity leave in June, and Carlos Palacios will be leading.
- OCIA started early to help more members join the church without waiting until next Easter. A second class will also be held for spring/Easter 2025.
- A thank you dinner for educators was held with much appreciation for all of their work and time.

Parish Life

- The Birthday dinner was held April 9th in the MCS gymnasium with much success. Schatzi's Schnitzel Haus catered.
- The commission members are looking into ways to simplify birthday dinner to ease responsibilities of the directors and members.
- SDCW continue to hold meetings to review the structure of the organization. There has been good attendance of all ages. They are broadening the basis to look more like K of C. Follow-up meetings continue in order to help reformat the group and circles, while working to keep old traditions and bring in new ideas.

Building and Grounds — Deacon Ed

- Clark and Associates out of Lincoln, NE have been retained as architect for the future parish building project. They continue to focus on master plan development and plans for updating the church kitchen.
 - The master plan is moving ahead, but more slowly - noting that inadequate spaces include, but are not limited to, the budget shop, food pantry, and parking. Deacon and committee members will continue collecting data to make informed decisions once our new Pastor is assigned.
- The kitchen remodel in the church basement will expand space and increase ease of work flow and improve sanitization. Financial and Parish Councils will review and approve expenditures after bids are completed from three construction firms. Approval will also be needed from the Diocese.

Evangelization — Judy Parks

- Fr. Tony Stephens from Fathers of Mercy will be here the second week of Advent 2024 for the Parish Mission. The Mission will focus on Reconciliation. It is a free will offering for four nights. SDCW will host a reception.
- New member list will be gathered in May. Welcome calls will be made and welcome bags will be distributed.
- Judy was contacted in regards to a 'care-givers' support group. STM has a group that is successful and they would like Seven Dolores to start a chapter. We will gather more information on starting the group and finding leadership. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring more parishioners into ministry and continue to grow our Parish.

Social Action — Tamra Storms

- Pre-planning for Arts on the Green is underway. Date, location, and the beneficiary will be finalized at the next meeting.

Old Business

New Business

Pastor's Comments

- Announcement for pastor assignments will likely be early May by Bishop Vincke.

Announcements

Next Meeting: Monday, May 20th, 2024 @ 7p in the church basement

Closing Prayer - Fr. Gale