

SERRA CLUB OF SPOKANE
Board of Directors Meeting
September 14, 2017

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE. Sue Manfred, Gerry Manfred, Bill Boniface, Steve Domini, Karen Domini, Bob Boehme, Martin Weber, Al Hanson, and Judy Luce.

ABSENT. Greg Takisaki, Father Barnett

1. OPENING PRAYERS. The board started the meeting with opening prayers.

2. WELCOME GUESTS. Diana Boehme.

3. MINUTES. The August 2017 Board Meeting minutes were approved with a minor correction to delete one of the "of" words from para 6d.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT. The August 2017 Treasurer's Report was approved. Total income was \$1,078.00 and total expenses were \$224.75. Our operating budget at the end of August was \$4,834.61.

5. CHAPLAIN UPDATES. Father Barnett was not able to attend the entire meeting, but did stop by to make a few statements. Vianney Vocations was contracted and will do the website for Vocations and Bishop White Seminary. Father Barnett is looking for an On-Call Photographer to take candid photo shots for the website. The Memorial for the Pre-Born is on September 30, 2017, at 7:30 pm starting at Bishop White Seminary.

6. OLD BUSINESS.

a. Annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner. Karen will get an Insurance Certificate and it will be mailed directly to St. Peter's Church. Serra will pay St. Peter's Church, \$75.00. We will use services from "Event Rents". Karen will order 10 gallon Coffee containers from Starbucks. Dessert will be the same as always: bring cake. We have the hall at 12:00, but Karen plans to be there at 11:00. Other Serra members who wish to help can be there at 2:00. Deacon Sicilia will do the shopping and preparation of the dinner. The invitations advertise a 5:30 show time for a social gathering, followed by dinner at 6:00. Hennessy staff will take care of serving and cleaning after the dinner. We will use the same center pieces as last year.

b. USAC President Request for Meeting. The board will have an opportunity to meet with the USAC President on Thursday, Oct 5, 2017 at 9:30 am. Sue will pick up donuts and Mary Jane will provide coffee.

c. Review Goals, Assess Progress. (see Attachment 2) Progress notes from the board discussion were added to the attached chart.

d. By-Law and Policy Manual Review. The By-Laws are on pages 29 through 32 and can be found at this website: <https://serraus.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/serraUSA-resource-manual-rev06apr16.pdf>

We had a very brief discussion about the By-Laws, because not everyone had had a chance to review the By-Laws. Sue mentioned the following concern about the current document. In Article III, Section 2, we are not sure we want to title some of our members as "Associates". There was discussion about deleting section 2 of Article III. Sue also mentioned about addressing content in section 3 of the same Article III. Also, Article 8, section 1 and 2 needs to be addressed. There are items in the current By-Laws that we don't do: We don't investigate applicants and we don't vote as to whether the applicants should become members of Serra. We also do not track attendance and we do not remove members from Serra for not attending meetings.

7. NEW BUSINESS.

a. Up-dates from Vocation Vice President. Bill provided the following outline as to his thoughts about performing the role of Vocation Vice President:

(1) Chair of Vocations Committee. From his research into his role, he is the chair of a committee that needs four members. He is open to advice on how to go about obtaining four members.

(2) Provide insert or notice about vocations in Spokane area church bulletins. Bill already has a list of parishes.

(3) Promote Traveling Crucifix Program.

(4) "National Vocation Awareness Week" Marriage/Priesthood/Religious Life. Bill came up with this statement: "A vocation "roots" a person into a specific life: way to grow into holiness, and help others do the same. "

- Bill mentioned the idea that Mary Green may be able to insert this proposed vocation statement into each bulletin. Martin referred Bill to the Vocations kit on the USAC website. It was mentioned that Rhonda Gruenewald has two inspirational Youtube videos of a priest who kayaks to places and ministers to people along the way. Other items mentioned: Oct 29, 2017 is "National Priest Appreciation Sunday".

b. Up-date from Membership Vice President. Sue spoke for Greg who was not able to attend. She drew our attention to the proposed revisions (sent via email) made to the submitted testimonials for our new Serra Club brochure. Regarding the proposed revision made to Martin's testimonial, Martin approved of the revision and agreed to add the phrase "clergy and religious". Regarding the proposed revision made to the Bishop's testimonial, the board decided to not approve the revision, but to instead use the Bishop's original words and to just shorten the picture to allow more room for the Bishop's testimonial. Regarding

the proposed revision made to Sue's testimonial, Sue and the board approved the revision. This discussion will be relayed to Greg.

c. Volunteers to Set-up for the Serra Membership Meeting on Sept. 23, 2017: Bill and Barbara Boniface agreed to volunteer. Sue has to obtain the key on Friday for O'Malley Hall. Barbara agreed to meet Sue to obtain the key.

8. CALENDAR UPDATES. These were attached to the August minutes. There were no changes made to the dates.

9. CLOSING PRAYER, DECADE OF ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS: Decade of the rosary for vocations.

10. ADJOURN.

Attachments:

1. Treasurer's Report for August 2017
2. As of Sept 14, 2017 Progress on Serra Club of Spokane: Goals for 2017/18