**Serra Club Board Meeting | April 15, 2021, 5:00pm**

**Attendees:**

1. Jo Helling, President
2. Tom Farley, President Elect
3. Bill Cook, Treasurer
4. Judi Eilertson, Secretary/Vice President of Communications
5. Larry Schmidt, VP Vocations
6. Jerry Murphy, Past President

**Absent:**

Victoria Carver, Trustee

Susie Flood, Trustee

**Open Positions in July**: Vice President of Membership and Vocations

The meeting was called to order with an opening prayer by President Jo

* **January 2021 minutes** were read and approved
* **Treasurer Report (Jan-Mar 2021)** was presented by Bill and approved

**Communications:** Judi updating **dmserra.com** website and will try to get monthly insertions in Catholic Mirror

**Vocations:**

**Old Business:**

* Bishop – Moved and approved $6,000 to sponsor the Making it Personal with Bishop Joensen, radio sponsorship
* FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) – Moved and approved donating $200
* Catholic Foundation of SW Iowa – Approved $1,000

**New Business:**

* **Chaplain** – Fr. John Bertogli is retiring and we will need to seek out a new chaplain for the Club
* **Ordinations** – We will ask the Diocese if the Club may say a Rosary as a group prior to the ordination – presently open to family only
* **Sister Appreciation Event** (Delivered 40 May Baskets) – Denise Farley, chair; Geri Boesen, Judi Eilertson, Susie Flood, and Jo Helling are coordinating. Delivery drivers include Bill Cook, Bill Ehm, Jo Helling, Tom Farley, Jerry Murphy, Larry Schmitz
* **Member luncheons (Farm Bureau)**- Revisit scheduling for May 21, July 16, or October 15 once things are ‘open’
* **New Members** -We had 136 members as of June 2020. We are now at 123. There will likely be a new contest beginning in July.
* **Seminarian Birthday gift**- Established a new joint process to distribute **$100** (vs $50 from Serra alone) **to each Seminarian on his birthday.**  The Knights of Columbus will augment the current birthday gifts to the Seminarians beginning May 2021. 14 area KC Councils and Assemblies have contributed to a fund to support the Seminarians for 2020-21
* Judi created a spreadsheet with Seminarian name, birthday, mailing address in chronological order from May ‘21 – April ’22 (10 stateside, 2 in Rome). Presently there are no birthdays in Jan, April or Nov.

**2Q birthdays:**

* 1. Nick Stark – May 16
  2. Dale Liam – June 12

**Upcoming 3Q birthdays**:

* 1. Dominic Nguyen – July 6
  2. Alex Kramer – July 8
  3. Luis Cabrera – Aug 11
  4. Jason Lee – Sep 14
  5. Connor Lynch – Oct 26
* The Serra Treasurer will write checks for $100 for each Seminarian with a birthday in the upcoming quarter:
  + By June 1, send money for July-Sep birthdays
  + By Sep 1, send money for Oct-Dec
  + By Dec 1, send money for Jan-Mar
  + By Mar 1, send money for April-June
* Judi (KC coordinator) sent $650 to Serra Club of DM on 4/19/21 to cover the KC portion of the 13 birthdays to be recognized between April '21- Mar '22 (including Nick Stark (May) and Liam Dale (June)
* Bill Ehm will continue to coordinate the birthday cards with check mailings. Cards should be signed: **Tom Farley, President,** **St. Serra Club of DM** and **Dan Werner, Iowa Knights of Columbus Vocations Chairman**
* Cards for the 2 Seminarians located in Rome will be sent to the parent home addresses (in spreadsheet)
* Judi will send the St Serra Club of DM the KC portion of the next year -- **April 2022 - Mar 2023** birthdays following the 2021 campaign collection, typically conducted Nov ‘21-Jan ‘22
  + Diocese report as of 1.21.21, lists 17 Seminarians (Luke Miksanek discerned out of the program in 2020)
  + Subtract 4 of the 5 Deacons who will be newly ordained in June
    1. Reed Flood (July 19)
    2. Jake Epstein (Oct 17)
    3. Brad Robey (Nov 6)
    4. Max Carson (Dec 12)
  + Exception: Nick Stark, dob: May 16 resulting in 13 Seminarian birthday gifts from now until April 1, 2022.  (17-4 =13)

**Upcoming Events:**

* **Deaconate Ordination** will be Friday, June 11, 2021
* **Priestly Ordination** will be Friday, June 25, 2021
* **New board members** will transition in July
  + Jerry Murphy, Treasurer for Bill
  + David Pieper President Elect for Tom
  + VP Membership - Open
* **Seminarian Luncheon, Susie Flood lead,** will be August 12
* **Priest Appreciation Picnic**, **David Pieper lead** - (Monday @ end of September)
* **New Member Recognition Dinner –** usually Sunday before Lent
* **Bishop’s Burse Dinner** – usually Sunday after Thanksgiving (Latin King). 11/7 or 11/28

The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, July 15 at 5:00pm (location TBD). The meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer by President Jo