

St. Mary, Vinton
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
June 25, 2019

The Heart of Mary Cluster, inspired by the Holy Spirit, provides a welcoming faith community in which we proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by the way we live, by our worship together and in serving others.

- I. Roll call/Introductions: All members were present: Cindy Forsyth, Stacey Happel, Rhonda Happel, Danise Shannon, Melissa Tandy, Jim Mott, JR Schemmel, Billy Ollinger, Marcia Reilly and Jeannie Springer
- II. Prayer: Gospel (Luke 9:51-62); prayers for community
- III. Approval of minutes – May 12 meeting – previously done via e-mail
- IV. Minutes from standing committees: None
- V. Additions to agenda: none
- VI. Election of Officers for 2019-2020
 - Chair: Cindy Forsyth was nominated and accepted.
 - Vice-chair: Melissa Tandy was nominated and accepted.
 - Secretary: Stacey Happel was nominated and accepted

Old Business

- VII. Status of LOWTF giving: Total amount pledged is \$1,067,479. Amount received is \$1,047,709 or 98% of amount pledged. Current debt to the archdiocese is \$187,500.
- VIII. Building & Grounds
 - Water pipe: While the city was preparing the water main for the new residential development south of the church, they noticed that the pipe going into our church basement was concrete mixed with asbestos. Since the city had been contacted by the Health Department about these pipes needing to be replaced in the future, they asked if we would like to replace ours as long as one of the holes was already dug. The cost to the parish would be approximately \$1250. Pastoral council members were contacted via email and it was unanimous that we should replace now. Jim Mott contacted Matt Schminke and Nick Weber and together they got the job done.
 - Insurance walk-through: It was suggested that we use “Fire Extinguisher” signs to alert people to where these are located in our buildings. Jeannie will make the signs. Also there is a need for a hazardous chemical cabinet for the janitor closet on the lower level of the RE building. Those cabinets cost \$115 to \$2000. If we could find the key to that door, the room could be locked and a separate cabinet would not be necessary. The carpet in the new classroom under the gathering space is coming loose near the west entrance and will need to be taped/glued down. The cracks in the sidewalk will need to be caulked and the RE classrooms and hallways could use a coat of paint. There was paint found in the rectory garage and Cindy suggested names of parishioners who might be willing to help.

IX. Follow up from last meeting:

- Newcomer's welcome packet: Jeannie contacted Nancy and SMV now has a welcome packet similar to the ones that SHW and SMU are giving out.

New Business

X. Sesquicentennial ecumenical service: This will take place Sunday Aug 18th. Cindy Forsyth is representing St. Mary on the planning committee.

XI. PLC Report

- Finances:
 - The budget for the 2019-20 fiscal year has not yet been finalized, pending additional transactions for 2018-19 as we take into account the year-end balance in determining amount needed.
 - Due to lower than budgeted expenses for the cluster, the parishes only made one-half of their June subsidy payment to the cluster.
 - SMV's fundraising is still ongoing. We budgeted \$12,000 and have received \$9910 to date.
- Coordinator of Faith Formation: Mary Pat Muhlena has been hired to fill this position. Mary Pat will start July 16.
- Retreat: Marcia will be gone on retreat from July 2-12. In her absence, she has arranged for Deacon Steve to meet with families in the event of a death.

XII. First Fruits – 2 requests for donations (VS preschool, Lutheran Home):
First Fruits was re-explained to benefit the new member and to remind others: As a parish we tithe 3% of what we receive as income from adult budget, holy days, Easter and Christmas. Two percent of these monies is distributed by Social Justice going to local, national and international charities and 1% is distributed by the parish pastoral councils to mainly local needs.

So far this fiscal year, SMV pastoral council has approved distributions totaling \$1300 as follows: \$500 to the American Legion, \$300 to V-S Operation Backpack, \$400 to the Benton County Food Pantry and \$100 to VAMA. There was still about \$500 available for distribution. The council decided to use that money to help with the water pipe expense.

XIII. Verify contact info/group photo: Jim Mott requested that we contact him on his cell phone instead of his email since he doesn't check it regularly. Group photo was taken in the gathering space.

Agenda items for next meeting

- Please read the section on "Send" (pg 17-19) and related questions (pg. 33-34) from *Living as Missionary Disciples*

Next SMV pastoral council meeting: Tuesday, September 10th – 6:30 p.m.