

St. Mary, Vinton
Pastoral Council Minutes
September 10, 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. Present: Melissa Tandy, Rhonda Happel, Cindy Forsyth, Danise Shannon, Stacey Happel, Jeannie Springer, Marcia Reilly, Billy Ollinger
Absent: JR Schemmel, Jim Mott
- II. Prayer: Gospel (Luke 15:1-10); prayers for community
- III. Approval of minutes – June 25 meeting – previously done via e-mail
- IV. Minutes from standing committees:
 - Finance—July 25
 - Faith Formation—Aug 20; -- discussion on the need for catechists and students. At this point, we are still in need of catechists for 2nd, 3rd, and 5th grade. Also discussed children’s liturgy and the low volume of children participating and that we only have 3 volunteers to lead. Discussed possibly changing this from weekly to twice a month (1st & 3rd Sundays) if no additional leaders come forth. Chose these weekends as they are opposite the weekends we schedule baptisms.
 - Social Justice- August 22
 - Liturgy—September 3
- V. Additions to agenda: none

In-service/discussion

- VI. Living as *Missionary Disciples* – focus on “Send” (pg. 17-19 & 33-34)
 - Discussed different ways that we can share our faith with others and help get them involved.
 - Listening to other’s stories
 - Inviting them to be a part of mass or other parish events
 - Volunteering
 - Leading by example
 - This will be the focus of coming meetings.

Old Business

- VII. Status of LOWTF giving
Total Pledged: \$1,071,494, total received \$1,051,374. 98% of all pledges have been collected. We still have approximately \$177,000 to pay off. The payoff deadline is fiscal year 2023. This quarter will be the first quarter with the increased interest charges.
- VIII. Building & Grounds
 - Parish Clean Up Day: working on a date for this

- Used some of the left-over paint and starting painting the hallway. There is more paint and they will continue to paint as they are able. So far Jim & Meri Mott and Cindy Forsyth have been the volunteer painters.
- Jim did some repairs to the entrance of one of the classrooms.
- The sign at the drive entrance has a crack in the plexiglass. There is also some plywood needing replaced. The light in the sign has been replaced.

New Business

IX. Parish/cluster Finances

- Parish cash balance as of 6/30, net of funds designated for Haiti, was \$14,455
- Vinton exceeded its budgeted adult budget income for 2018-19!
- Cluster expenses were lower than budgeted so we did not have to pay half of the subsidy in June (\$3,358 savings)
- Current shared monthly expenses paid is \$7067 (2019-2020 fiscal year)

X. Pastoral Council Priorities:

- Marcia will be compiling notes from the "Living as Missionary Disciples" book from all committees. Will work on where to go from there.

XI. PLC Report:

- Staffing: Mary Pat Muhlena began as Coordinator of Faith Formation on July 17. Brenda Kowalsky started as Coordinator of Youth & Young Adult Ministry on September 3rd. They have been focusing on getting ready for faith formation classes and confirmation at this time
- Behold Your Child: Marcia attended training for this program today. It involves ministry to parents of stillborn/miscarriages. Looking for volunteers for this program. The time commitment would be variable based on the need. The ministry can take the form of walking individually with a couple - determining their needs and responding - to offering a grief support group for people who have suffered this type of loss whether recently or some time ago - to helping facilitate prayer or liturgical celebrations such as a Mass for the children, naming ceremonies, etc.
- NCYC: Fundraising is complete. Volunteer donations for parking at BoomTown was particularly profitable. Marcia has been handling the paperwork and has reached out to Maria, who at one time wanted to come back for NCYC. Need to determine if Brenda is available/interested in attending this year.

Agenda items for next meeting: please let Cindy know if you have any items.

Next SMV pastoral council meeting: November 12 at 6:30 pm