

Sacred Heart, Walker & St. Mary, Urbana
Pastoral Council Minutes
at Sacred Heart, Walker
September 26, 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
 - SHW – Present: Dave Beuter, Brenda Dorothy, Jim Meisheid, Kerry Peyton, Janet Weekly. Absent: Barry Hatch
 - SMU – Present: Samantha Fish, Michele Koppedryer, Dave Oldakowski, Todd Peterson. Absent: Annie Brustkern, Jason Jaquette
 - Staff – Present: Marcia Reilly, Nancy Dobney
- II. Prayer - Prayer Before a Meeting
- III. Approval of Minutes – July 18 meeting minutes were approved by e-mail
- IV. Minutes from standing committees: Finance – July 25; Faith Formation – Aug 20; Social Justice – Aug. 22; Liturgy – Sept. 3, SMU Parish Life – Aug 25, SMU Water Abatement – Sept. 8, SMU Parish Life – Sept. 22
- V. Additions to agenda
 - No additions to the agenda

In-service/discussion

Please read the section and related questions on “Send” from *Living as Missionary Disciples* (pg. 17-19; 33-34) and come prepared to discuss.

- Are we providing opportunities for families and individuals to witness their faith?
 - Food Pantry, giving tree, Life Teen, Totus Tuus, sharing at group meetings, and youth helping in classrooms are all ways we are able to witness our faith
- How is that impacting beyond the Church?
 - We as Catholics are not always good about talking about our faith. We do more things through service than through evangelization.

Old Business

- VI. Fall Festivals
 - SHW:331 served, including 91 carry outs. The day went well overall!
 - Planning in Urbana is coming along well! They decided to increase the ticket price by \$1

New Business

VII. PLC report

- Parish finances
 - Adult budget income was down at both parishes for the fiscal year ended 6/30
 - Continue to be concerned that younger generations do not have the same tithing mentality as their parents/grandparents. As older parishioners pass away or move into care centers and are unable to contribute, we are seeing a decline in parish income.
 - Expenses continue to rise. Cost of living adjustment to salaries. Higher expense last year for lawn care and snow removal.
- Staffing – we have filled both open positions, both Mary Pat and Brenda are jumping right in!
- Faith Formation program
 - There are currently 193 students registered in Walker and Urbana; 344 in the cluster as a whole. Families are continuing to register, but we do anticipate an overall decline from last year.
 - Catechists/Life Teen leaders – we are still in need of more people to come forward to serve in these roles.
- Witness to Love – new marriage prep tool/process
 - Steve and Deb Ford will be taking over Marriage Preparation with this new program, more information to come!
- ArchdioceseOne – there will be a special, archdiocesan-wide appeal for seminarian education, priest retirement, Immigration and renovation to the Cathedral in Dubuque. Parishes/clusters will be able to pick the time frame the appeal will take place locally. More information to follow.

Next SH-SMU pastoral council meeting: *Thursday, November 21 – 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary, Urbana*

Sacred Heart

- Pickle Days – wrap up
 - T-Shirt sales were down from last year
 - SHW will have the food stand next year, Nancy is working to get people together to work that weekend.
- Buildings & Grounds updates on repairs needed/potential projects
 - Still need someone to look at the concrete issue at the front of the church. Most all of the other items on the insurance inspection are complete.

St. Mary Urbana

I. Parish Life Updates

- 50th Anniversary
 - Looking for memorabilia and information from parishioners to be able to display

II. Buildings & Grounds

- Classroom painting project
 - Nancy, KC's and others painted classrooms
 - Thank You's were put into the bulletin
 - Was also discussed that Faith Formation teachers have students write Thank You note to those who volunteered to paint
- Water Abatement
 - Water issues during last week's rain-classroom windows, front doors
 - Also Don Bosco hall door
 - 1st classroom in on lower level, the paint washed away from water coming in the window
 - Window Seals may need to be a sub-project
 - Also have issues with open and closing of those windows
 - Progress is Coming!
 - Dave O. Discussed possibility of making a ramp at the south entrance. Thinking more on this idea for right now.
- Window Project
 - All paperwork has been turned in and Archdiocese has given ok to proceed
 - So far approximately \$6000 has been donated from parishioners (in addition to the memorial money given for the Mary window)
 - Some parishioners have contacted Marcia to let her know their donations will be coming later on as an IRA distribution

III. First Fruits

- CPU School Milk Fund
 - Possibly sponsoring 2 children \$90/student at \$180 total
 - Nancy offered to contact school about this program before sending money to the PO Box provided