

Sacred Heart, Walker & St. Mary, Urbana  
Pastoral Council Minutes  
September 17, 2020  
at Sacred Heart, Walker

*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: Jim Meisheid, Janet Weekly, Kerry Peyton, Brenda Dorothy  
SMU: Dave Oldakowski, Michele Koppedryer, Todd Peterson, Annie Brustkern, Jason Jaquette  
Staff: Nancy Dobney & Marcia Reilly  
Absent: SHW: Barry Hatch, Dave Beuter, SMU: Sam Fish
- II. Opening Prayer – Patient Trust
- III. Approval of Minutes – July 16<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes approved by all at the meeting.
- IV. Minutes from standing committees: FFC – August 28; Liturgy – September 1
  - FFC – 75% of students will attend in person classes across the cluster
  - Liturgy – Not able to plan much as there are still a lot of unknowns.
- V. Additions to agenda - None

Old Business

- VI. Fall Festival/fundraising
  - Walker drive thru planning is going well for Sunday
  - Urbana donation letter went out on 9/17 to all parishioners
- VII. Church/hall cleaning – SMU
  - Still looking for someone to clean the Church and hall in Urbana. Nancy received a bid this week for \$120 per visit while RE is in session and \$90 per visit in the summer when there is less work because the RE classrooms are not being used. Urbana members approved this contract.
- VIII. Community sustaining/building
  - Marcia’s “Mary Message” is taking hiatus – this has been well received by cluster and was a really great way to keep everyone updated and provided a dose of levity during the pandemic. This was a lot of work to put together weekly and with Mass happening weekly again felt it was time to discontinue for now.
  - We will keep this item on the agenda to generate ideas, if anyone has ideas for keeping our parishes connected and building community among those still not able to come to Mass please send your ideas to Marcia

New Business

- IX. Request from Methodist Church – SHW
  - The Methodist Church would like to use the Kitchen in the hall to prepare their fall meal, are we comfortable with that and would we rent it to them?
    - Walker members concluded the Methodists could rent the hall for \$1.00 to prepare their fall meal, we greatly appreciate all of their support of our fundraisers and encourage everyone to attend their meal.

## X. Snow Removal

- Ryan Gudenkauf attended the meeting and gave a presentation on the snow removal service he could provide to Sacred Heart Walker, and St. Mary's Urbana. Ryan has been operating a tree removal service for a few years and is starting a snow removal business this year. Ryan lives near Rowley and is very eager to do the work and open to making sure the job is done right.
- Members were presented with 1 other snow removal bid
- After discussion, Walker members approved Ryan's bid for the 2020-2021 winter season.

## XI. Feedback on current situation – ie “How's it going/View from the pews/community”

- All members agreed things are going well and it is great to be back at Mass
- Thankful for all of the work staff has done to make coming to Mass as safe as it can be, the extra hours and communication with the parish are greatly appreciated.
- Attendance at Mass is increasing, have not needed to use the overflow space in the hall in Walker at all yet, but they are using those spaces in Urbana at times.

## XII. PLC Report

- Finances overall are good, we are very thankful to everyone for their continued support of the Church when we have not been able to gather for Mass, there have been many that have increased their donations and we are grateful for that!
- Financial support does need to continue, staff has done a great job reducing expenses wherever possible, but regular everyday expenses will continue.
- Webinar on Rebuilding Offertory – this was a virtual event with helpful topics for the finance committee to review
- Weekly message will discontinue - will still send out the bulletin and any relevant information as it becomes necessary.

**Next SH-SMU pastoral council meeting:** *Thursday, November 19 – 6:30 p.m at St. Mary, Urbana*

### Sacred Heart

- Buildings and ground updates on repairs needed/potential projects
  - Planning to pour concrete soon, waiting for the dirt brought in on the driveway to settle.
  - Lights in the Church – we have all of the new lightbulbs, just need someone to install them, Zapco mentioned we could borrow their scaffolding if needed.
  - Nancy will call Builder's First Source to come look at the fascia on the church, still damaged after wind last year.

### St. Mary, Urbana

- Buildings and ground updates on repairs needed/potential projects
  - Water abatement – team continues to meet and beginning search for contractor to oversee the projects