

St. Mary, Vinton  
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes  
November 10, 2020

*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- Marcia Reilly, Jeannie Springer, Danise Shannon, Billy Ollinger, Jim Mott, JR Schemmel, Cindy Forsyth, Stacey Happel  
Excused: Melissa Tandy, Rhonda Happel
- II. Prayer and prayers for the community
- III. Approval of minutes – September 8th meeting – done via e-mail
- IV. Minutes from standing committees: FFC – Oct. 20, Finance – Oct. 22 and Liturgy – Nov. 3
- V. Additions to agenda

Old Business

- VI. Status of LOWTF
  - \$1,089,859 pledged
  - \$1,068,259 received
  - \$4,000 check sent to D&L today
  - \$133,700 remaining balance
- VII. Building & Grounds-
  - few people signed up and completed task...
  - Cindy will contact people to see if some will volunteer to clean one room in the rectory once a month
  - Jim will hopefully walk around prior to the snow to see if there are any little things that need to be done
- VIII. Community sustaining/building
  - Hard to do right now, due to COVID precautions
  - Christmas notes/cards to those not coming to mass due to COVID precautions- will set up a tree with cards of people to reach out to. Jeannie will also have packs of 5 cards for people to take to use
- IX. Security at Mass (on hold...indefinitely)

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New Business

X. Quote from DB Acoustics

Sound has not been the best quality on the Facebook Live streaming, so would like to improve quality especially with Christmas coming up. Also looking at setting up overflow in parish hall and what we would need to do that successfully

- i. Quote total from DB Acoustics- \$8,586.75 – this includes camera/recorder and all needed equipment, this does not include the additional cost of a new TV
- ii. Concerns: Cost is significant, especially if we do not continue to livestream beyond the pandemic. Additional cost of livestreaming is the license – cost \$505/year. This year the cost was offset because we did not order missalettes, but would be additional cost in future years. Equipment would be current today, but for how long given technological advancements, etc?
- iii. Cindy volunteered Randy to look at things now and see if there is a cheaper method that would meet our current needs. We would for sure need a new TV and a device with a better external mic to record (better than the iPad currently being used.)

XI. Feedback on the current situation – i.e. – “How’s it going?”- more people visiting with social distancing, some people have started coming back recently (they feel that we are doing everything we can do to keep them safe), like receiving communion at pews rather than to try to manage a procession forward.

XII. PLC Report

- ArchdioceseOne- Some parishioners were recently invited to a Zoom meeting regarding this diocesan wide appeal. Those invited were surprised that they received no notification from our parish and had questions regarding parish goals, amount of money requested, and how they got their names
  - i. Marcia received an e-mail about the meeting the day of the meeting and was told which parishioners in the cluster had accepted the invitation to attend (but not the names of all parishioners who may have been invited). Based on information she had from the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council, she understood that parish appeals were on hold until the dispensation on Mass was lifted and things returned to normal.
  - ii. The Archdiocese asked us for a list of parishioners with contact information, etc. several months ago. We did not provide them with any income re: giving levels, income, etc.
  - iii. The Archdiocese is working with a consulting group and has purchased potential donor data, similar to what other organizations purchase when conducting fundraising appeals. The parish does not have access to this information.

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- iv. Archbishop Jackels has said there will not be any “parish goals” for the Archdiocese. One appeal like there have been with past diocesan appeals.
- v. Monies from the capital campaign are allocated for four causes: seminary education, priest retirement fund, Catholic Charities for immigration legal services, and repairs to the Cathedral in Dubuque - the mother church of the Archdiocese.
- Christmas- will communicate with parishioners to get an estimation of volumes of people coming to masses. Hoping this can help to prepare to provide appropriate spacing and have extra viewing areas available.

Agenda items for next meeting – send to Melissa or Cindy

Next SMV pastoral council meeting: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.