

St. Mary, Vinton
Pastoral Council Minutes
January 14, 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. Present: Rhonda Happel, Cindy Forsyth, Danise Shannon, Stacey Happel, Jeannie Springer, Marcia Reilly, Billy Ollinger, JR Schemmel, Jim Mott, Melissa Tandy
- II. Prayer: Gospel (John 1:29-34); prayers for community
- III. Approval of minutes – November 12th meeting – previously done via e-mail
- IV. Minutes from standing committees: Liturgy – Jan 7
- V. Additions to agenda: It has been suggested that we add more tables and chairs in the gathering space for donuts after mass. The two tables that are there seem to fill up fast and there are many people standing around, making things more challenging in particular for families with young children who need a place to set things down. Will add two additional tables and chairs.

Old Business

- VI. Status of LOWTF giving
Total Pledged: \$1,069,334.13, total received 1,048,759.13, leaving a difference of \$20,575.00. 98% of all pledges have been collected. We still have \$152,000 to pay off. The payoff deadline is fiscal year 2023. Total interest paid thus far is \$50,186.81. Interest payment from this last quarter (September-December 2019) was \$868.
 - No one came forward offering to match the donations this Christmas season as was done in previous years. The group discussed ways to raise more money. Agreed that during lent we would have a “thermometer” sign showing our remaining balance of \$152,000 and asking to help us achieve payment of the remaining balance. Then as funds come in the red will go up showing how close we are getting to the goal.
- VII. Building & Grounds
 - Loose carpet tile in the new classroom repaired
 - Hope to resume painting in the next month. Will use what paint is left and what we are able to purchase with the KC’s donation.
- VIII. Potluck Dinner/Winter game day- Scheduled for Sunday January 26th
 - Parish life will provide meat. We will provide roast beef. Danise is working on obtaining games and the meat.
- IX. Safety in Worship spaces: still working with KC’s to see if they will assist with this. Will also talk to the school to see if we can have restricted access (Wednesday evening and Sunday mornings) to the school to use as a safe place. Discussed sharing with the parishioners that we are working on safety plans.

- X. Sanctuary Arrangement: Will raise the cross and move the tabernacle under the cross. This will need to be done prior to March 15th. After those changes are made will see if any other changes need to be made. Working on making Father's chair smaller
- XI. Pew Cards—Examples
- No examples at this time

New Business

- XII. AED Replacement: The old AED is no longer functional due to a malfunction. Talked with the company and can get a new one for \$495.00. There is also a possibility to get one for free from Mercy Medical Center Cedar Rapids. This would probably not happen until this fall. We decided it would be best to order one and to also ask for a free one. We could place one upstairs and one downstairs and then would have a backup if needed.
- XIII. PLC Report:
- ArchdioceseOne: The appeal in our cluster will take place beginning in January 2021 and will last 10 weeks
 - Finances:
 - Christmas - \$11,514 received to date; budgeted \$13,000
 - Adult budget thru 2nd quarter - \$88,587; budget \$160,000 for year
 - Christmas collection and year end donations have brought our checking account balance back up to approximately \$39,000. However, taxa and insurance are due, in the amounts of \$11,454 and \$7,960 respectively.
 - Becoming a Family, article from *The Word Among Us* – The article talks about a way to connect older and younger members of a parish community that was implemented at a parish in Canada. The group all agreed that this would be a great thing to start. It was discussed that it may be best to start with a small number of participants. Would be good for newer members or younger families. If anyone is interested in being part of this, let Marcia &/or Jeannie know.

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

Next SMV pastoral council meeting: March 10th at 6:30 pm