

St. Mary, Vinton  
Pastoral Council Minutes  
March 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. Present: Rhonda Happel, Cindy Forsyth, Danise Shannon, Stacey Happel, Jeannie Springer, Marcia Reilly, Billy Ollinger, JR Schemmel, Melissa Tandy  
Absent: Jim Mott
- II. Prayer: Gospel (John 4:5-15); prayers for community
- III. Approval of minutes – January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting – previously done via e-mail
- IV. Minutes from standing committees: Finance – 1/23, FFC - 2/18; Social Justice - 2/20; & Liturgy - 3/3 reviewed via email. No further discussion held
- V. Additions to agenda:
  - Iowa Ride: received a letter from the organizers asking if we would consider, along with other churches in the community, providing the large meal for the rider's overnight stay in Vinton on Monday July 13<sup>th</sup>. They recommended that pasta of some sort be served. This is the same week as Totus Tuus. Unsure what the participation level will be since this is a new event. There is a planning meeting Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup>. JR is planning on attending.
  - COVID-19: Starting this weekend, out of concern for the health of our parishioners, the following changes will be implemented: We will not be offering the cup at communion, the host will be given in the hand only, no hand holding during the Our Father, no shaking of hands when greeting or during sign of peace, and the holy water fonts will be emptied.

Old Business

- VI. Status of LOWTF giving -- Jeannie  
Total Pledged: \$1,077,624.13, total received \$1,057,049.13. 98% of all pledges have been collected. Current loan balance - \$151,000. 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.

Further fundraising on hold at this time.

- VII. Building & Grounds -- Cindy
  - Will resume painting when able. Will use what paint is left and what we are able to purchase with the KC's donation.
  - Spring Clean Up will be held Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup> - will post in the bulletin.

- VIII. Potluck Dinner/Winter game day- and AED replacement –Danise
- Total amount raised= \$317
  - Total cost of AED= \$513.71
  - AED has been purchased, put in place
- IX. Sanctuary Arrangement—Marcia, Billy
- Father is happy with the current placement of the tabernacle. His preference would be to elevate the crucifix and place the tabernacle below it. The initial plan to hang from the wooden beam is not possible as the beam is hollow and will not allow for secure attachment. Will look for people who may have lifts that will allow for suspending it.
- X. Gathering space—feedback re: additional seating for coffee and donuts
- Positive feedback—extra tables are being used and do not affect the flow ☺
- XI. Safety in Worship spaces—Billy ☺
- The KCs discussed at a meeting. They are willing to assist with this. They are working on forming a small group to put ideas together and give guidance. More to come. They also discussed having a short discussion after Mass or bulleted information in the bulletin covering mindfulness and things to do.

### New Business

- XII. Upcoming elections—Marcia
- Nomination weekend will be April 26<sup>th</sup>
  - Election will be May 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Rhonda is finishing her second term, so will not be eligible for re-election. Melissa and Jim are completing their first term and are eligible for re-election.
- XIII. PLC Report:
- Finances: current balance \$23,000, which is on the low side given that TAXA is due. There are concerns if Mass may need to be cancelled due to COVID-19. In that case we would have to reach out and ask for people to continue to send their weekly mass offering.
  - Ministry booklet/sign up form- went out two weeks ago and have heard from less than 20 people across the three parishes ☹
  - Cluster mission- March 29-31- “I am a Mission: Deepening my Christian Vocation in Our Times”- may be postponed due to COVID-19
  - Annual appeal in May- Will send out the letter again this year around May 5<sup>th</sup>. Will keep the requested donation value at \$75
  - Becoming a Family- This was presented to all staff and all committees. Everyone agreed it was a good idea. Currently seeking permission from the publisher to place a copy of the article in the Easter bulletin with a sign-up sheet for those that are interested in participating.
- XIV. First Fruits- Currently have \$395. Will hold this at this time

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

**Next SMV pastoral council meeting: May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**