

St. Mary, Vinton  
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes  
September 8, 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:

Present: Marcia Reilly, Melissa Tandy, Jeannie Springer, Danise Shannon, Billy Ollinger, Cindy Forsyth, Jim Mott, Stacey Happel

Absent/Excused: JR Schemmel, Rhonda Happel

II. Prayer: Patient Trust, prayers for the community

III. Approval of minutes – July 14th meeting – done via e-mail

IV. Minutes from standing committees: FFC – August 28 and Liturgy – September 1

- Question re: catechists – still need both an afternoon and an evening site supervisor in Vinton. We are offering both in-person and homeschool options. Across the cluster, approximately 25% of the registered students have chosen the homeschool option. Registration is down, but comparable to where we were at last year – with roughly 280 students registered. Last year we had approximately 350 students enrolled.

V. Additions to agenda—no additions

**Old Business**

VI. Status of LOWTF giving

- Total pledged- \$1,086,801
- Total received- \$1,064,801
- Loan balance- \$ 137,700
- Made a payment of \$2,800 last month from donations received
  - Not making monthly \$1,500 payment from general fund due to COVID
  - Interest rate was lowered from 2% to 1% earlier this year

VII. Building and Grounds: Jim and Cindy to walk around and finalize list of projects to be completed. Will place list in bulletin and post in gather space after Marcia has an opportunity to review/approve. Parishioners may choose the task(s) they wish to do and may sign up in person or via email/call.

VIII. Community sustaining/building:

- a. Based on discussion at least meeting, we reposted precautions being taken for COVID
- b. Eric Upmeyer has been recording Facebook live Mass has been getting good views
- c. At approximately 60% attendance to date.
- d. Marcia is going to hold off on the weekly Wednesday messages. She will send out messages on a monthly basis and as needed with changes.

IX. Security at Mass- on hold.... indefinitely

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**New Business**

- X. Feedback on current situation—“How’s it going?”- Going well. No changes
- XI. PLC Report
  - a. Finances-
    - i. At the end of the fiscal year, we were in a good position.
      - June 2019 we had \$14,455 in checking. June 2020 – ended year with \$45,381 in checking
      - Reasons for increase:
        - Expenses were held tight
        - PPP loan – unexpected cash inflow of \$16,418
        - Adult budget was up over \$17,000
        - \$7500 that had been budgeted to pay down debt was held back
      - Despite shortfalls
        - No annual appeal (\$11,000)
        - Offertory down (\$2,025)
        - Facility rental lower (\$1,000)
        - Easter down (\$3,125)
        - Christmas down (\$1,275)
    - ii. Finance council will meet again the end of next month (end of the quarter).
      - They have advised no extra asks of donations during this time period. Will re-visit this topic as Haiti committee is wanting to do an appeal.
      - Also, given the lower interest rate, finance council has given guidance to hold off on making additional loan payments at this time until we see how we do over the winter
  - b. Webinar on Rebuilding Offertory-
    - i. Marcia, Jeannie and Cindy watched- good points and good examples- just bad timing due to storm damage
    - ii. Jeannie commented that we had already been doing much of what they recommended – let people know up front that it was a concern, regular communications to parishioners, thank you notes to donors, etc.
    - iii. Council advised no changes to what we are doing

Next SMV pastoral council meeting: Tuesday, November 10– 6:30 p.m.

Topic(s) to be discussed: Holidays