

Sacred Heart, Walker & St. Mary, Urbana  
Pastoral Council Minutes  
January 21, 2021  
via Zoom

*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: Kerry Peyton, Jim Meisheid, Barry Hatch, Brenda Dorothy, Janet Weekly, Dave Beuter @ 6:43PM
  - SMU: Michele Koppedryer, Todd Peterson, Jason Jaquette, Annie Brustkern, Sam Fish @6:57 PM
  - Staff: Nancy Dobney, Marcia Reilly
  - Excused: Dave Oldakowski.
- II. Opening Prayer – Litany to St. Joseph
- III. Approval of Minutes –
  - November 19 – previously approved via email
  - December 10 – SMU - Special meeting with Finance & WAT – to be approved
    - Moved by Todd seconded by Michele – all ayes
- IV. Minutes from standing committees: Liturgy – Jan. 5. Also, statement from Joyce & Larry Conrad re: their participation in IMPACT (SHW)
- V. Additions to agenda
  - None

Old Business

- VI. Livestreaming Mass – Walker update
  - DB Acoustics will be out on Friday 1/22 to get everything installed in Walker, unsure if we will be set up for Saturday night Mass 1/23 or not. Will require the use of a laptop.
- VII. Community sustaining/building
  - Christmas cards were well received!
  - Please let Marcia know if there is anyone who would be in need of a phone call, will update the parish database as people are contacted.
  - Other ideas: keep the birthdays and anniversaries going in the bulletin so we can send cards.
- VIII. Feedback on current situation – i.e. – “How’s it going – view from the pews/community?”
  - Continuing to ask for liturgical ministers
  - Attendance is pretty steady week to week
  - Ryan Gudenkauf doing snow removal, asked for feedback and is improving!

New Business

- IX. IMPACT
  - 3 people in SHW and SMU are attending IMPACT. The sessions are online this year due to the pandemic. Still, they are having a good experience even though they are not able to meet in person.

- A new cohort will begin meeting in the fall in Iowa Falls. If anyone is interested or knows of someone who might enjoy participating, please let Marcia know. The parish covers one-half the cost (\$150/year for two years).

#### X. PLC report

- Financial Update
  - Financial update through Dec. 31 will be distributed this weekend with the bulletin, as last weekend the bulletins did not arrive before Mass.
    - Urbana - Weekly, Christmas and Fall Festival were all ahead of the budgeted amount. Up over \$3,000 compared to the same time period last fiscal year.
    - Walker - Weekly and Fall Festival both above the budget, but Christmas was below budget amount. Overall we ended the year ahead of what we had planned. However, we are behind almost \$7700 in collections compared to this time last year.
- Lent
  - Will offer the Stations of the Cross as long as we can get someone to lead them.
- Cluster mission with Fr. David Shields, SJ
  - Was scheduled last year then pushed back to March of this year due to the pandemic.
  - Do we want to have a mission at this time or wait until later in the year?
    - Consensus was to push the mission towards Advent to see if we could have something that included a social event along with the mission. Marcia will follow up with Fr. David.

**Next SH-SMU pastoral council meeting:** *Thursday, March 18 – 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary, Urbana*

## Sacred Heart

- I. Buildings & Grounds updates on repairs needed/potential projects
  - Lighting in church – Dave will check with Nancy to see what exactly needs to be done and get a group together to get the bulbs changed out.
- II. First Fruits
  - Kerry will check with the Troy Store to see what we can work out with a meal for a Wednesday afternoon for teaching staff.

## St. Mary, Urbana

- I. Fundraising for Water Abatement and related projects
  - Timeline
    - Will start after Easter, should take about a month
    - Will start on the north side of the building
  - Communication – summary of project, amount to be raised, other?
    - Looking to raise \$100,000 for our initial appeal
    - Communicate what will be occurring and why, pictures of problems, what results will be, and information on donating/pledging with an envelope.
      1. Can make a one-time contribution or a pledge to be fulfilled within a one-year time frame
      2. Council members thought it would be helpful to suggest a family goal knowing some will be able to give more and some will not be able to give as much
    - Create a visual in the entrance (maybe a thermometer) to show how much has been raised weekly/monthly
    - Todd Peterson (President of Pastoral Council) and Dave Kelty (president of Finance Committee) will sign the letter along with Marcia
    - Will list the WAT members in the appeal letter to recognize their hard work. This will also allow parishioners to know who they can ask if they have questions
  - Review with Finance Council next Thursday. Marcia will send a draft a letter to the council members for review before mailing to parishioners.
  - Meeting with Garling
    - Updated bid to add:
      1. Handrailing on the South side
      2. Concrete width-widen by 1 foot
    - Builder Risk Insurance
      1. Looking into this, may be cheaper as a rider to our property insurance vs. getting it through Garling's insurance
    - Memorials on south side – ok to remove
    - Option:
      1. Air Conditioning-YES
      2. Other options will wait and see what needs to be done/comes up during the process
- II. First Fruits
  - \$275 available.
    - Table this money for now