

Sacred Heart, Walker & St. Mary, Urbana
Pastoral Council Minutes
September 16, 2021
at Sacred Heart, Walker

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: Barry Hatch, Janet Weekly, Jim Meisheid, Terry Devereux, Kerry Peyton
SMU: Sam Fish, Michelle Koppedryer, Todd Peterson, Dave Oldakowski
Staff: Nancy Dobne, Marcia Reilly
Excused: SHW – Brenda Dorothy; SMU – Annie Brustkern, Jason Jaquette
- II. Opening Prayer
- III. Approval of Minutes – July 22 – Minutes approved by email
- IV. Minutes from standing committees: Finance – Aug. 5; Faith Formation Commission – Aug. 17; Liturgy – September 7
- V. Additions to agenda - none

Old Business

- VI. Covid mitigation measures – updates
 - Holy water is being used again, Choirs can be any size, baptisms will be allowed during Mass and Eucharistic Ministers will wear masks when distributing communion.
 - We may need to make decisions as we go based on county infection rates.
- VII. Fall Festivals
 - Walker Fall Festival will be Sunday 9/18 from 11-1, drive thru only. They are all set with food and volunteers to help serve.
 - Urbana has a meeting scheduled on 9/18 to decide whether they will have a Fall Festival or not.
 - Question was raised whether or not to have coffee & donuts again in Urbana. It was agreed to wait until Casey's has better supply.
- VIII. Coordinator of Youth Ministry
 - Danielle Franck has been hired as the Coordinator of Youth Ministry. We are very excited to welcome her to the staff!
- IX. Community building/sustaining
 - This will be an ongoing item on our agenda. Discussion was held regarding how we can connect with families who are not at Mass. Are we doing our best to make everyone feel welcome? Can we personally invite those we have not seen at Mass recently?

New Business

X. September Mass Counts – so far ☹️

- Attendance was low early in September. Walker had 55 week 1 and 43 week 2, Urbana had 126 week 1 and 174 week 2. This is about 60% of what our numbers were in 2016.
- Religious Education registration is down about 100 students from 2020, we currently have 245 students registered.

XI. Parishioner engagement – need people for...

- Faith Formation needs in both Walker and Urbana
- Liturgy committee rep – need one each for Walker and Urbana
- Social Justice – need additional reps for Walker
- Musicians and cantors – both Walker and Urbana
 - Many hands make light work! Adding even a few people to the schedule would make a big difference in each parish.

XII. Finances as of 6/30/2021

- Marcia shared the financial reports YTD as compared to last year. Overall finances are ok. We have a number of people who have increased their giving that have really kept things going. Across the cluster offertory giving is down, this might increase when we return to passing the baskets.

XIII. Snow removal...here we go again

- We will need to find a new vendor to do snow removal. The council shared several names with Nancy and she will contact them to get quotes and share as she receives them so we can have something in place before snow flies.

XIV. Group pictures

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

Sacred Heart

- I. RAGBRAI – update on amount raised
 - Pie and ice cream sales totaled \$804!
- II. Pickle Days – update on amount raised
 - Food tent raised \$2066.88, it was a very busy couple of days and we sold out!
- III. Benefit for specific cause?
 - Discussed how we could support our community when there are big needs for benefits or fundraisers.
- IV. First Fruits
 - Identified no needs at this time.

St. Mary, Urbana

- I. Update on Building Improvement project
 - Seeding and painting have been completed.
 - New mirror for women's restroom was also approved.
- II. Replacing double doors on storage area
 - Approved getting bids for new doors
- III. Fire pit completion!
 - Thanks to the Koppedryer and Kress family for completing the fire pit.
Completed size 48 x 48
 - Seed around the pit has begun growing.
- IV. 150th Anniversary of founding of parish in 2022
 - Ideas generated
 - Anniversary Mass – invite Archbishop Jackels as well as priests who have served in the past.
 - Dinner/band/gathering
 - Invite community to join us
 - Target date – Summer/early fall 2022
- V. First Fruits
 - Approved \$250 gift for community member who had a house fire
- VI. Addition to agenda – outside sign
 - New letters are in place and lighting has been updated