

Sacred Heart, Walker & St. Mary, Urbana
Pastoral Council Minutes
January 20, 2022
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: Jim Meisheid, Brenda Dorothy, Barry Hatch, Janet Weekly, Terry Devereux, Kerry Peyton

SMU: Sam Fish, Dave Oldakowski, Annie Brustkern, Todd Peterson

Staff: Marcia Reilly, Nancy Dobney

Excused: SMU – Michele Koppedryer, Jason Jaquette

II. Opening Prayer

III. Approval of Minutes – November 18 – done by email

IV. Minutes from standing committees: Liturgy – Jan. 4 – No questions from the council

V. Additions to agenda – none

Old Business

VI. Covid

- Post CDC guidelines in the bulletin again
- Encourage communion in the hand
- Father is not going into care centers at this time unless last rites are needed.
- Masking when serving food should still continue for any meals served in the cluster.

VII. Community building/sustaining

- We discussed videos of parishioners saying why they come to Mass or serve the parish – will need help to get the videos done, we can't leave this on the staff to complete.
- Danielle is working on a project for a marketing class that she will post on Facebook and maybe the website soon to gather information on what is the most important thing the parish provides for them.
- In February, the Archdiocese will be mailing every household in the Archdiocese a survey re: parish viability. Comments from these surveys will be summarized and sent to each pastor/PLC.
- It was recommended that we wait to make decisions on community building efforts once we get some information back from these surveys, that may give us a better direction for discussion.
- Danielle submitted an application to be an FCA volunteer to see how she can become a part of that group within our communities and help share the Catholic faith. Consider other young adults that could serve in this role as well.
- Altar Server training will happen in February (for Urbana and Vinton) and in March (for Walker). We hope that this will bring more families back to Mass if their child is scheduled to serve. Our roster may not be very large. If that's the case, Marcia is recommending that in order to not burn out the youth we do have, to only schedule each to serve once every 6 weeks or so. This is how we are scheduling volunteers for Children's Liturgy in Urbana and Vinton.

- People's level of participation will give us an indication of how important various aspects of parish life are to them. Ex – we are only having Coffee & donuts following Sunday Masses when someone signs up to host.

New Business

VIII. PLC report

- ArchdioceseOne
 - The Archdiocese began sending emails and putting info on Facebook for this fundraising appeal today. The local effort in our parishes is scheduled to take place August 13-October 16. More information will be coming.
- Synod survey
 - Is scheduled to be sent out by the Archdiocese the first week of February. A paper copy will be mailed to each household. There will also be a link to complete the survey on-line. The Archdiocese is hoping most will complete on-line so as to make compilation of the data easier.
 - Marcia will be encouraging everyone to fill out this survey and give candid responses.
 - Survey is designed to help the Archdiocese assess what makes for a viable parish; how to determine which parishes should be clustered, merged or closed; and how many parishes one priest or PLC can reasonably serve.

Next SH-SMU pastoral council meeting: *Thursday, March 17 – 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary, Urbana*

Sacred Heart

I. First Fruits

- \$672 available for distribution. Council approved donating \$100 to be used to purchase supplies to be put in the “Blessing Bags” that the high school Life Teen group will be assembling as a service project for the Catholic Worker House.

St. Mary, Urbana

I. Replacing double doors on storage area

- Looking into North Liberty Doors and pricing out metal vs. wood interior doors
- Getting bid back from Bowood as well

II. 150th Anniversary of founding of parish in 2022

- No initial response from bulletin entry. If there is no interest from parishioners in celebrating this milestone, we won't.
- Discussed various possibilities based on what other parishes have done for their anniversaries:
 - Mass inviting the Archbishop and priests who have served in the parish.
 - Could do things like a picnic, rope pulls, softball game, etc. All day long event and maybe do shirts for it as well.
 - Could we move the fall festival to match up and make it all one big event? Possibly early September. Could also look into doing something alongside Urbana Sweetcorn Days event.
 - Leave the information in the bulletin until the Snow Birds come back and see if anyone is interested as time goes on.
 - Do a book compilation of pictures include First Communions, Confirmation classes, etc.

III. First Fruits

- \$100 towards Blessing Bags for SMU/SHW Lifeteen-Approved