

**ACC Minutes – October 11, 2022**  
**7:00pm, at Sacred Heart**  
**Annunciation, Sacred Heart, St. Francis Xavier, St. Stephen**  
**One in Christ – – Area Catholic Community**

A. Welcome & [Prayer](#)

a. Attendance and Introductions

- i. Fr. Tom, Stef Rothstein (SS), Leonard Popp (Ann), Joan Krause (SH), Candice Koopmeiners (SFX), Shirley Scapanski (Ann), Dianne Blonigen (SS), Deacon Joe (SH), Jason Prigge, Guests - Kathy Janku and Ginny Gammell from Sacred Heart Parish Council

B. 8.6.22 [Minutes Review & Approval](#)

Motion made by Candice to approve. Seconded by Shirley. Motion carries.

**C. Updates of committee work**

1. Discipleship - Joan & Candice

- a. Shirts are now available. We need to get them out to others. Leadership day would be a good place. Theology on Tap gathering would be another... Etc.
- b. The Parish Mission was very successful. Lots of good feedback. Good attendance. Approximately 300 the first night - 350 or so the second night. There was a luncheon at St. Stephen. About 25 people came. This was to catch those who maybe wanted to attend but did not like to drive at night, etc.
- c. Dayna will have slides on the topic of Evangelization for Sacred Heart and St. Francis and posters for the other two parishes ready to go soon. We ask that the priests, deacons, and homilists make comments to reinforce the message.
- d. There is a Parish Leadership event happening on 10/23/22. This is to try to encourage people to brainstorm strategies at the parish level. We want to hear their voices. For people in the parishes who are leaders, whether they have an official title or not. Two areas we will be focusing on will be being a Disciple, being engaged as parishioners, learning and talking openly about our faith journey. Feeling comfortable about sharing our personal story of faith. Second - increase a sense of belonging and a meaningful commitment for all parishioners that goes beyond simple membership. These are goals of the committee and will run from now through 2024. We need to get started now. This is for anyone who is interested in fostering these goals. There will be a Discipleship meeting on 10/18/22 at 4:00 pm to do some fine tuning of this event. Brenda Kreske will be the MC. There are small group leaders for the breakout sessions. More information from Fr. Tom will be in the bulletin this coming Sunday. It's a 2 hour event starting with lunch. Mass is at 10:00 am-11:30 Luncheon at St. Stephen. A flocknote reminder would be a good reminder.
  - i. Father commented that some of this ties in with the Eucharistic Revival. One of those being faith sharing. We can combine these efforts to meet the goals of both. Intentional engagement is something that every organization and institution, every parish struggles with.
- e. Table-for-Two event. Maureen Otremba is organizing this event. She is looking for a representative from St. Francis. This will start in February.

## 2. Young Adult

- a. Jason Prigge - Lots is happening -
- b. Theology on Draft - this seems to be the most impactful and easily accessible for most young adults. 40-50 young adults at each event.
- c. Our speaker lineup included Kristen Colberg. A professor of Theology kicked off the year.
- d. Thursday, October 13, Matt Reickert from OCP will be talking to the group on the core elements of a growing church. Something that is important to note is that he is planting a seed in young adults that hopefully will spark smaller group conversations that may lead to a couple of us coming here to share some thoughts or ideas. There is an assessment that is done by Fuller Institute that can be done to see where our parish ranks in the growing young spectrum.
- e. In November, we have KSDZ Kari Shane, David Zimmerman from St. Bens coming to do social media and rejection.
- f. December is being worked on.
- g. January - Jeff Kastors will be coming to do Going, Going, Gone. The disaffiliation of young people and young catholics. A study that was done by St. Mary's Press.
- h. February - Kristine Pinto who is the new Faith Formation Director for the Diocese. Her topic that evening will be What is a Multi Cultural Church and how can we make our church more Multi Cultural.
- i. March - We partnered with the Eucharistic Revival that night and will host the diocese. Laura Kelly Faduche as our speaker and break open Eucharist with us.
- j. April - Patty Waletsko will come to do some characteristic building. She has been here before.
- k. May - We are still working on that.
- l. We feel very good about where this is going. We are in collaboration with the Newman Center. Kris Sheveland is working with us. I (Jason) am also building relationships with their young adults and they can feel that this is a safe place for them to come to, any of the 4 parishes.
- m. Bible Study continues to go well. This is a much smaller event. People seem to feel comfortable to share their faith story. We just finished up Mark and will be starting the Acts of the Apostles.
- n. One of the needs - Young adults are so vast - 18-39 years old. There are many ways this could be divided up. As a young adult, with two young children, how do we reach out to people like me? We did try to gather this past weekend with some couples who recently baptized their children at St. Francis. As I was listening to their needs, I heard the question, how can we have more people active in the parish that can help with
- o. childcare? How can we tap into that ministry? Weekends are best for families. Looking for some support on this. I know this is not something for this year, but there is a need for adults and young people to do childcare. They want a safe environment where the parents can enjoy time together. This is a much needed need. Very complex. Certainly something to consider for the future. There is potential.
- p. I am working on a grant with the Diocese shaping a vision of what young adult ministry for the diocese could look like.

3. Worship/Spirituality - Shirley & Leonard
  - a. Next meeting is Tuesday, October 25 at 1:00 pm.
  - b. The Lector and Extraordinary Minister videos are now available on the website. The practicalities are for this space but there are some general things that can benefit anyone in those ministries.
  - c. The Parish Mission choirs from the four parishes did a wonderful job.
  - d. In August there was training for the Deacons in the event of the absence of a priest at Sunday Liturgy. Each parish has a booklet explaining what needs to be done. With Flocknotes becoming available to many of our parishioners, that will be one of the first ways of notifying members of the parish.
  - e. **Fr. Tom needs a contact list at each parish for himself and Fr. Ron. If they are going to be late or unable to be there, who are they to call?**
  - f. Deacons will be the first to preside. If they are not available, there are parishioners who have been trained as well.
  - g. Information was in the bulletin once before but it was suggested that this be done again. Especially as we get into the weather and cold season. This is why it is important that there is correct information in our membership database.
  
4. Communications (update)
  - a. Stef - We are seeing the consistency we have been hoping to get when we were talking about this position. Flocknote, emails, facebook, bulletin, etc.
  - b. Joan asked, how is the best way to communicate to the people on what this committee is doing? Father suggested we have a liaison from the committee to give the information to Dayna. Using bullet points of what has been discussed. Transparency is what is important. We need to be able to share the information correctly but also not every detail.

#### **D. Parish Council Updates**

Stef - Just a reminder: We do have people signed up for the different parish council meetings through November. Sacred Heart's January meeting does not have anyone assigned. Many may not be here in January. However, if you are, please consider signing up for one or more to show representation from One in Christ at the different parish council meetings.

Father commented that both meetings at Annunciation and Sacred Heart were exactly the vision we have. We talked about the common goals that we are working on but we also focused on some very specific parish business. He felt that the council members were engaged in both. It was a nice mix with the immediate business and the larger business.

Saturday - October 15, is the ACC Council day at St. Johns. Brenda will be leading that with the insight data that we can use to understand the population and demographics, the complexion, racially, economically, socially, in the parish areas. Along with strategic planning based on the Synod results. What did we hear, what are some of those gaps, what are people identifying as wounds for disengagement with church, what do they want to see more of. Transparency being one of those. Some of the marginalized communities that we are not well positioned to respond to. People are concerned about their clergy. Sometimes they feel that they are stretched. Sometimes they don't know their pastor as well as they would like. Sometimes they may not lead as well. Also we hear taking seriously the contributions and giftedness of lay people. This will be a tension. That will be part of the focus this Saturday.

There were a few members who were not aware of the meeting on Saturday. So there was discussion about attending and getting on the list once again. There is a link for people to register. Stef will e-mail the information to all the members.

The Diocesan Synod Summary was to be published earlier. It should be coming out in a week or so. It will be attached to the magazine. Hopefully it will be a separate piece. It is available online on the

Diocese website under the planning tab along with the US Summary of the results compiled from 16 regions.

1. Annunciation - see comments above
2. Sacred Heart - see comments above
3. St. Francis Xavier
  - a. Nothing at this time
4. St. Stephen
  - a. Candice said it was nice to attend. She reviewed the ACC minutes and gave an update from each committee

E. Q&A/Listening Session -

1. Kathy Janku - She commented that she thought all the ACC's were at the stage that we are at. She felt that it was very informative to be in attendance here and that it has a very cooperative feel. Fr. Tom said "that is this group". That he and Father Ron support all this conversation but it has not been directed by any means.

F Misc.

1. Pictorial Directory - Is being announced at Mass. It is part of Flocknotes. One can sign up in person. Many efforts are being made to reach members. Members will receive a directory and it will also be online. This will depend on how many portraits are taken and how many credits the parish gets.
2. OiC ACC Council Members - transitions - This has been in the bulletin and we are looking for people to consider serving on this committee every other month. We started with three representatives from each parish, however, we are choosing to have two from each parish going forward with the expectation that at least one of them serves on the Pastoral Council. There is a lot of recruiting needed. Joan stated that there is one person from Sacred Heart who has expressed interest. One more person would be needed. The replacement for Candice from St. Francis is Althea Heim. St. Stephen needs a member. There is a need for a note taker. Jackie Popp has expressed interest as a member from Annunciation. Recruiting people before our final meeting will need to be done. Jason agreed to commit to showing up with the possibility of another young adult attending occasionally. It would be good to have them attend the next meeting.
3. Events:
  - a. Mission - Well attended and very well received.
  - b. "Tables for Two" Joan shared the event taking place on February 11 and tied that to Jason's sharing of child care issues. Trying to find a way to help remove some of the barriers that may be keeping young people from being able to take advantage of these opportunities.
  - c. Leadership Gathering - This is for broad leadership not just those who may be serving on councils but all those within our parishes who feel they may want to attend,

G. Closing Prayer

Next meeting Tuesday, December 6, (at St. Francis Xavier)

Notes submitted by Aggie Schulte