

ACC Minutes - April 18th, 2023
7:00-8:30pm at St. Stephen
Annunciation, Sacred Heart, St. Francis Xavier, St. Stephen
One in Christ -- Area Catholic Community

A. Welcome & [Prayer](#)

- Attended: Tom Offerdahl (SFX), Althea Heim (SFX), Lisa Koll (SS), Gary Koshiol (SFX), Fr. Ron Weyrens (SFX/SS), Fr. Tom Knoblach (SH/ANN), Joan Krause (SH), Jackie Popp (ANN), Dianne Blonigen (SS), Shelly Pursley (SH), Jason Prigge (ALL), Dana Howard (ALL), Chuck Wocken (ANN)
- Not Present: Althea Heim(SFX), Jackie Popp (ANN), Jason Prigge (ALL)
- Visitor: Gene Poser (Annunciation Pastoral Council)

B. 2. 07.23 Minutes Review & Approval

- Dana Howard mentioned she changed the title ACC agenda to ACC minutes.
- Motion made by Joan Krause
- Seconded by Father Tom Knoblach

C. Key elements (7:10-7:20)

- Identified Notetaker
 - Bonnie Dick

D. Updates of committee work and Parish Councils (7:50-8:10)

1. Discipleship

- August training for Sharing Faith...training a couple to attend. Diocese not officially yet supporting.
- Wall of Mercy and Grace-Share our Faith
- Sarah Hart coming
- Get better discussion going beyond council to others in the community.
- Does the community feel stewardship is more important than contributing to the collection. Father Tom feels we need to re-engage the parish in person not so much virtually now that the pandemic is over.
- Re-evaluate automatic deduction. Many may not consider giving more since it is automatic. How do we make it easy to change? Reintroduce the occasion estate planning.
- Council member Tom Offerdahl from St. Francis states that Faith Formation is a good time to get new names and people. The treasury part to get more contributions is to tell a story in a good way to give more and get the message out.
- Father Ron: QR code on paper at the back of the church takes you to a giving portion to sign up for online giving. Idea to publish this QR code in the bulletin and facebook page. Father Tom: option to check a box to be taken off of online giving in case someone moves or passes away.
- Struggles: Volunteers who stay on the list to help but don't show up, ushers on the list but don't show up. How do we communicate or reach them better to re-engage their help and reach out to them as reminders of the schedule. Meta call, call to confirm, text to confirm??
- We need personal contact to recruit ushers. Encourage those to come back on the schedule after the pandemic.

2. Young Adult - (Jason)
 - Formulating a program geared towards young adults with children
 - Survey to engage where young adults are. Coffee time with young adults. Get some current members to join coffee time to promote new members. Daycare during this time??

3. Worship/Spirituality
 - Dianne volunteered from the ACC to be on the Worship Committee.
 - Father Tom: Every committee should have 1 person from the council to serve.
 - Committee working on Devotion, Eucharistic Revival, mass Schedule...
 - Focusing on what worship would be like when we have more priests retiring.

4. Communications Conversation (Dana)
 - Late March Quarterly newsletter: Do we mail and is if so what are the costs of postage and printing.

5. Form a Committee and goal for Faith Formation
 - What would this look like: 1 person from ACC Council would meet with all of the directors.
 - Benefit to have a committee to collaborate even more. Ex. Faith Formation.
 - Find out what other parishes are doing differently and what they are trying.
 - Kristen is leaving and we need to hire. Need more collaboration on this. Father Ron: Find someone with Kristen's skill set. Maybe a couple of people who have the background and can help coordinate confirmation ministry. (Melissa/Scott)??
 - Communication between 4 parishes needs someone who can do parish work and connect to all parishes. Which is a need to have a Faith Formation Committee.
 - Faith Formation has to work with school/district schedules.
 - Faith Formation piece important. Provide more direction to promote Faith Formation. Father Tom: good idea to have a committee on this. Need a team to tackle this.
 - Joan: How to start this process... 1 person from each parish on the council to research and collect information on what others are doing in the other parishes and then draw up some goals. Ex..How were some faith formation groups the same/different. Collaborate what you can but not all parishes have to look the same. Have conversations with the Directors so we can all be on the same page.
 - Form a Faith Formation Committee to help support you. Directors come to the ACC group. Joan will volunteer to be on the Committee. 1 person from each parish needs to be on the committee. To start, maybe meet a couple of months in a row and then every other. Joan will reach out to Faith Formation Directors.

6. Patrick Flynn and Laura Gorder from St. Cloud Diocese are to attend once in a while to see how the ACC committee is doing.

E. Pastoral Council Update

1. Annunciation/Sacred Heart
 - Collaborate Ministry
 - New Roof
 - Parish Nurse

- Morning Breakfast
2. St. Stephen/St. Francis-Xavier
 - Discuss 75th Anniversary
 - Start Discernment for new leaders
 - Consider people to be nominated for leadership
 - Faith Formation Board
 - QR Codes
 - Readers
 - Donation or adult enrichment opportunities connected to website
 - Repair Steeple
 - Vibrancy committee to hold a parish breakfast. Prepared for 200 but 300 attended.
 - Idea of a teaching mass
 3. Discuss purpose for ACC members attending meetings
 - Some members attend parish council meetings at other parishes.
 - If the ACC member is a representative of the parish council, there is no need for another ACC member to attend the parish council meeting.
 - Parish Councils are meeting:
 - Sacred Heart-quarterly
 - St. Francis Xavier- 8 times a year
 - Annunciation-quarterly
 - St. Stephen- 6 times a year on the 3rd Tuesday

F. Q&A Listening Session

- No Questions for discussion

G. Misc.

1. Events:

- Rural Life Sunday Canceled

2. Other:

- Fr. Ron Weyrens would like to discuss at the next meeting Eucharistic Revival. He would like to keep on the agenda for the next meeting.
- Shelly Pursley will be responsible for inviting the Pastoral Council to the ACC Council meetings.
- Parish Nurse/Faith Community Nurse proposal: ACC Council supports proposal. Becky Kulzer at Sacred Heart is taking the lead on this project.

3. Next meeting is June 6, at Sacred Heart at 7:00 P.M.

H. Closing Prayer (8:30)

Future Agenda Items: