

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

A. Welcome & [Prayer](#)

- Attended: Fr. Tom Knoblach (SH/ANN), Tom Offerdahl (SFX), Fr. Ron Weyrens (SFX/SS), Dianne Blonigen (SS), Shelly Pursley (SH), Chuck Wocken (ANN), Kurt Stelten (SFX), Jackie Popp (ANN), Joan Krause (SH), Gary Koshiol (SFX), Dana Howard (ALL), Bonnie Dick (Notetaker SH)
- Not Present: Althea Heim (SFX), Lisa Koll (SS), Jason Prigge (ALL)
- Visitors: Nathan Goldade (Volunteer for Youth Program SH), Aaron Soderholm (Volunteer Youth Program SS), Al Robles (Volunteer Youth Program SH), Becky Kulzer (Pastoral Council/Nurse SH), Kathryn Kelly (Trustee SFX), Nick Overby (Pastoral Council SFX), Chad Braegelmann (Pastoral Council SFX), Nancy Schramel (Pastoral Council SFX)

B. [6.6.2023 Minutes Review & Approval](#)

- One correction to be made under Pastoral Council update for Annunciation. It is noted "Jackie Popp and Joan Krause: Eucharistic Revival". It should be JoAnn Marshall not Joan Krause. (Minutes will be updated with this correction)
- Motion made by Joan Krause
- Seconded by Chuck Wocken

C. Updates of Committee Work and Pastoral Councils (7:15-7:35)

1. Discipleship (Jackie Popp)

- Didn't meet as planned but will resume to meet next month.

2. Young Adult (Jason Prigge)

- Young Adult Survey ages 18-39 within the parish. We are still trying to get more to fill out the survey. Share the thread for the survey and send it along to others to share. Dane Howard commented that it is in the bulletin to access the survey. Al Robles said that they have gotten back around 20 responses.
- Al Robles stated that Nathan Goulde needs to personally invite 1 to 2 people to help plan events to include young adults.
- Al Robles stated that we are in need of a subcommittee to get larger big name speakers to draw in more youth. Jason would collaborate with the subcommittee for Praise Night and All Call to Christ. Praise Night Kick Off is September 24th, 4-6 pm. Potluck.
- The June events were successful. There were about 70 people in attendance.
- How Can the ACC Council Help.... Talk with Jason Prigge and let Jason know about the different events (Breakfasts, Festivals, ect..). The ACC Council can send out a Genius Link on the website and young adults could sign up for those events.

- We would reserve 3-4 spots at breakfast for young adult volunteers to be there.
- Youth Ministers would help in recruiting young adults.
- Video idea for recruitment to get the ball rolling.
- Al Robles stated they added 3 young people to the young adult program.
- Father Tom stated that we should rotate Praise night.
- Kurt Stelton stated that it would be a good idea for the youth ministers to be present at adult formation to talk to the group about youth recruitment and give out information on what is going on in the youth program and activities. A good time also would be when parents are picking up the children from festivals, breakfasts, religious group activities and have a table to show them activities and inform them of what is going on.
- The Picnic at Mayhew Lake on September 10th would be a good time to recruit youth for that festival.

3. Worship/Spirituality (Diane Blonigen)

- A meeting has not been called yet so no information yet.

4. Communications (Dana Howard)

- The newsletter came out in June.
- September wrap up on festivals
- Flock notes go out every week.
- Newsletter is sent quarterly
- Would be helpful if we could get someone from each parish to do a communication write up.

5. Faith Formation (Joan Krause)

- We have not met yet but will meet by the end of August. Everyone has had such busy summer schedules that it was hard to meet.
- When meeting in August we will discuss goals.
- Things are set so far out in advance that we could look out as far as a year to set goals but also need to set some short term goals.
- Kurt Stelten offered to volunteer to serve on the Faith Formation Committee along with Lee Woods.
- Shelly Pursley will add any changes or new additional people who join groups on the One in Christ electronic chrome list of people as we go.
- Send new people a link to join.

D. Pastoral Council Updates (7:35-7:50)

1. Annunciation

- Met on May 16th
- Request to update technology on campus. A \$10,000 dollar donation was given from a family in the parish.
- We are working on social gatherings for the parish

- Ben volunteered to lead the choir.
- Next meeting we will talk about Eucharistic Revival, Wall of Mercy, Sacramental follow up idea of cards being sent out after baptism/weddings. (Vicki Sandborn on this).
- The rectory is empty and ideas to rent out to retired clergy ect... but needs remodeling.

2. Sacred Heart

- We will meet in September on these agenda items below.
 1. Parish Nurse
 2. Parish Breakfast
 3. Pictorial Directory
 4. Talking about growing funerals without a funeral home and looking at preparing for working with families on burials
 5. Joan Krause stated this may be a big cost saving to families to have the church help prepare the burials.
 6. Jackie Popp asked if the church would then hire a new role as a funeral contact or maybe a group in charge.

3. St. Francis-Xavier

- No updates but will meet in September.
- Tom Offerdahl stated that they used to meet 10 times but now only 8. Summers are busy and so it is alright to meet less.
- 75th Anniversary is on September 16th & 17th with a music concert.
- Tom Offerdal stated that they will be looking to have young adults serve for the event at the beer stand.

4. St. Stephen

- Getting ready for Labor Day Festival
- Father Tom talked about how we used to have the history of communication and of the ACC members from the past in each church and how they got people involved.
- Joan Krause inquired how to get that history.
- Jackie Popp stated that history to one person is different for another so stories will differ.

E. Q & A Listening Session (7:50-8:00)

1. Questions to pose to attendees
 - Comment by Nancy Schramel about how she is impressed with the young men in the youth ministry coming to council meetings.
 - In the Bulletin there is a box that has the adoration schedule of events month by month.
 - Joan Krause asked Nick Overby if they feel the communication is better and he stated that they are very happy with how involved everyone is.
 - Kathryn thanks ACC Council for being involved
2. Questions to address from attendees

- Joan Krause stated that we should always invite the pastoral council members from the church that is hosting to come to the ACC council meeting. Verbalize that those members are always welcome to come.
- Jackie Popp stated that with shifting membership we should highlight these council members a few times a year.

F. Misc.(8:00-8:30)

1. Google Calendar (Master calendar of events being held within the ACC)
 - Update on goal to avoid having more than one event on a given date: Follow up with Shelly Pursley and Dana Howard as follows:
 - All parishes have a google calendar so we will share access to key players in each parish.
 - Need to make sure all parishes are making updates to their calendars
 - Dana stated that the more information added to calendars the better
 - Chuck Offerdal wanted to know how much information is needed and Father Tom replied that Faith Formation and major events.
 - Jackie Popp stated that maybe after 3 months we can review this process and see if it is working.

2. Parish Nurse/Faith Community Nurse Proposal (invited Becky Kulzer)
 - Discussion on a licensed nurse to tackle mental/health care. Would the ACC be willing to hire a nurse?
 - Social Concerns Committee survey stated that the mission highlight was mental health.
 - Job requirement title: Faith Community Nurse.
 - Job requirement sample: Nurse Paid Position, Skills and education BSN requirement, Registered Nurse, Spiritual Leadership, Theological education, weekend and evening work.
 - Another Sample idea would be an unpaid position as a patient advocacy for crisis intervention. Registered Nurse preferred.
 - Services a parish nurse could provide with a certified nurse would be blood pressure checks, grief care, health care directive, and visit homes.
 - Concern that mental health is too specific
 - Father Tom feels that the onsite Social Concern survey was a major concern and that we need to fulfill some objectives to help such as getting out basic health information and health education. Also, coordinating volunteers to do home visits and helping them with navigating the health care system with paperwork, billing, ect...
 - Joan Krause wanted to know who else in the parish has a nursing degree.
 - Father Tom stated that there are 30 paid community nurses and our contact is Bethany from CentraCare.
 - Parishes would benefit but would need an office somewhere.
 - Father Tom states that Becky Kulzer could help connect them to services. We could visit patients at their homes and report back to what their needs are.
 - Joan Krause said having a nurse is huge and we can tailor that to what the parish needs in care. A nurse can facilitate that.

- Becky will talk to Bethany and someone on the ACC council to check out costs. Becky will then share information with Shelly Pursley.

3. [ACC Proposal Considerations](#) - Jackie Popp

- Smart Goals need to be measurable but haven't been. No metrics for goals. But we are still wondering if there has been a difference.
- 2019 number of Baptisms and numbers of households. Website to see numbers but do we want to look at those numbers?
- Dana Howard can find the numbers and we can talk about the data.
- Joan Krause stated that we need to see data from the goals to see if we are making any progress.
- Jacki Popp stated some verbal updates but they have 5 goals and need to review the data to see how the goals are progressing. ACC needs to help collaborate on the reports to get some of the data.

4. Eucharistic Revival Idea(s) - Fr. Tom Knoblach

- Developing a schedule of events for Revival.
- Shared Outreach example ideas: Group of people make flag cases for deceased veterans and raise funds for tabernacles for mission churches.
- Donor's provided the Book [Beautiful Eucharist](#) which will be available in all of our parishes.
- Bishop meeting with all ACC groups on December 20th.
- Need 10 members from ACC Council (preferably 3 people from each Parish) who will meet with the Bishop to discuss what we are accomplishing and what our goals are for the future.
- Take 5 people to help coordinate the presentation for the Bishop.
- Some ACC council members will be moving off in December so keep that in mind.
- Jack Popp stated that the ACC Council should be showing gratitude as role models and send out thank you's.

5. Next Meeting is on Tuesday, October 10, at St Stephen

G. Closing Prayer (8:30)

Future Agenda Items:

OPENING PRAYER

O God of Life,
we seek your guidance
as we face the reality
of transition and change.

Transition is a challenge and can be exciting
as we try to move with foresight into the future.
Change is a challenge to let go.
It takes courage and confidence to move toward a new goal.

Loving God,
give us open minds, kind hearts and clear vision
as together we look to a future in which we can still serve You.
Help us to plan with a 'big picture' mentality—
to seek diligently and generously
what is in the best interest of all.

May Jesus, our Shepherd and Guide,
lead us in ways that are right and good.
May Mary, Mother of our Church,
encourage our efforts
to listen and learn.

In the words of the prophet Micah,
may we "act justly, love tenderly
and walk humbly with our God."
Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

O Spirit of God,
we ask you to help orient all our actions
by your inspirations,
carry them on by your gracious assistance,
that every prayer and work of ours
may always begin *from you*
and *through you* be happily ended. Amen.