

**ACC Minutes – January 4, 2022**  
**7:00pm, Zoom Meeting**  
**Annunciation, Sacred Heart, St. Francis Xavier, St. Stephen**  
**One in Christ – – Area Catholic Community**

In attendance: Gary Koshiol (SFX), Tom Offerdahl (SFX), Marie Pangerl (SS), Fr. Ron Weyrens, Fr. Tom Knoblach, Stef Rothstein (SS), Joan Krause (SH), Dianne Blonigen (SS), Gerry Feld (SH), Leonard Popp (Ann), Candice Koopmeiners (SFX)

**A. Welcome & [Prayer](#)**

**B. 11/16/2021 Minutes-Review & Approval**

Minutes were reviewed.

Marie made a motion to approve the minutes. Leonard second. Motion carried.

1. Stef noted that there was more of a narrative to share with anyone interested in joining the various councils. She has since created an on-boarding document and then noticed Fr. Tom had created something. This was pasted in the drive and added a link to the SMART goals for the diocese as well as the committees that were established. Along with updates presented at the last meeting. This is a very rough form.
2. Now that we have started this, what might be the next steps to take to get the information available for members to share with those who may express interest in getting involved in any of the different councils, etc.
3. Fr. Tom - A timeline that is brief but may have links to minutes, bulletin inserts, to share where the ACC started and what has happened to this point. Especially for one who is new.
4. Joan- We received a document, when we received training, that has a circular chart that talked about what we are doing as a council. It may be helpful for all of us to know where we started, where we are going, what is our next step and there is not an end point.
5. Stef - For those who are just joining the ACC council, this is one of those pieces where we have worked hard to build unity with all the team members. Now that we are going through these transitional phases there is something to be said for regaining that connection. Virtual is not the best way. Hopefully next month we can again meet as a group. We want to hear your ideas and not just go through the meetings as business as usual but to work to understand one another and where each of us is coming from and what the needs of perspective parishes may be so we can better serve one another .
6. Stef - We should look at a form of communication to new members including links to various items of discussion. The minutes may be too cumbersome to go through especially as a new member. However, maybe a one page breakdown of what had been discussed and accomplished from each meeting may be adequate. I am willing to work on that organized piece.
7. Father Tom and Stef will work on this together. Team members will also have access to this information for your ideas and thoughts.
8. Stef - this may be a one page document that will be organized with live links for resources, etc. such as our documents, folders, etc. This will allow individuals to see the big

picture but also dig deeper should they want more detailed information. Those who are new to this team have a unique perspective. So please provide your thoughts, ask questions if you are not clear, and share your ideas so we can move forward together

### **C. A.C.C. Planning Committee Transitions**

#### [Transition inventory](#)

1. The Transition Inventory has been modified to reflect the 2022 members beginning in January.
2. With that done, we noticed that there are a number of people who have committed for one year. This may be a good time to look at how to “recruit” new members. The creation of the infographic might be a good source to use to share with others.

### **D. Updates of committee work**

1. **Stewardship/Discipleship** - Joan - The Committee met on 11/30/21. It was a joint meeting of both Stewardship and Evangelization to get to know each other, what each committee has been doing and how we can work together. Members were in agreement that it was good to work together. Things we agreed on were things like educate parishes, provide meeting updates, establish annual metrics of progress, encourage people to grow in stewardship. Read similar books so we can all be on the same page and to continue the Meet, Connect and Grow event.

#### **Young Adult:**

1. Joan Shared Jason’s notes: Advent prayers were not well attended. Theology on Tap is going well. They are looking for people to give presentations at Theology on Tap. There is a Christmas Party Planned. A Young adult team is forming hopefully to begin meeting in February. Not a strong response from Mayhew Lake and St. Stephen parishes. Positive response from SH and SFX. Need someone from those two parishes to be on the team to help Jason in organizing and coming up with ideas from those two parishes.
2. Fr. Tom - Suggested that at the upcoming Parish Council meetings that some brainstorm of names of parishioners who may be considered. Community needs may be different, however we would like to have representation from all parishes if possible

#### **Evangelization:**

1. Candice - Nothing new. Joan shared, we had the joint meeting and now we are going to go forward together.

#### **Worship/Spirituality:**

1. Leonard - At the last meeting we talked about what to do if a priest was not available to have Mass on any given day of the week. That each parish would have an Extraordinary minister trained to hold a service. Fr. Tom has been working on that.
2. The second thing is how do we communicate to our parishioners of the parishes when something needs to be rescheduled or if it is canceled. Each parish would need to address this and develop a format that works for their parish.
3. The Worship Committee has lost three of the four original ACC members. So volunteers are needed. We need to at least develop a communication method but beyond that, how do we provide spiritual opportunities outside of Mass.

4. Fr. Tom - We have received books for instruction for services in the absence of a priest. We are reviewing the instructions and working on preparing a powerpoint. At some point we will have a gathering of representatives from each of the four parishes including liturgy and leadership, as well as our deacons, one or two people who could lead these on short notice if that happens.
5. Fr. Ron had mentioned that this committee could also look at what to do for some of the major feast days such as Holy Week, Easter, etc. Can we share some of our experiences rather than duplicating services?
6. Leonard - Asked that new ACC members consider joining him on this committee. New ideas and perspectives are welcome. If we can communicate to the Parish Councils what we are needing, they too may be able to recommend parishioners to join. If names and e-mails can be provided to him, he would start to create a method on how they can get together.

#### **E. Parish council Updates**

**Annunciation** - Will be meeting on 2/15. Sacred Heart is meeting next week.

The main agenda will be the Synod Consultation. We will be the "Test" parishes.

**Sacred Heart** - See above.

**St. Francis Xavier** -No Report at this meeting. Will be meeting January 27, 2022.

**St. Stephen** - No report

**Stef** - Asked the question: is the information from the ACC meetings being discussed or just presented as happening? Most reported that there was very little discussion due to the full agenda for the meeting. This is a concern. There is much information that is being talked about and discussed and we need the support of the council to communicate that to the parish as well. Maybe this needs to be looked at.

We need to see how we can build that relationship across all levels and capacities. A suggestion was made that questions be presented to the council. Joan asked who would do this? Fr. Tom Suggested that maybe the PC and ACC could gather once or maybe twice a year.

**Fr. Tom** - Once there have been Synod Consultations and get some input, we may have a robust conversation and that we can do it in such a way that we don't ADD meetings.

**Stef** - Is there anyone interested in beginning the process of creating something like this? Joan said she would be willing to start it. Fr. Ron would also help with this. If each committee could say what the questions would be that you would like to present to the council, how would you ask them to be more involved? Or to respond to what your group is doing? Or how do you need their help? This would be a good start.

**Final Recommendation** - If your committee has anything you would like to submit, send it to Joan after the meeting. She will put a couple things together, send them to Fr. Ron. He can add or change as he sees fit. We will send it to everyone to see what it looks like and go from there. This may be ready for the February Meetings.  
This is a great first step.

## F. Misc

1. **Mission:** Date is set. Deposit made. The marketing packet should be coming within the next month.
2. **Time and Talent Inventory:** SFX has tabulated the information and has sent it off to staff people. **St. Stephen** had a handful of responses. Not sure if they are tabulated. **Annunciation** has tabulated responses. Have identified new individuals interested and sent them to a team leader who will be contacting the new members. **Sacred Heart** - no report
3. **Monthly Sharing of upcoming events:** Bulletin is successful in sharing this.
4. **Communication - Bulletin Update:** Sandee has stepped down as the editor for the bulletin. Flocknotes are being sent to parishioners who have signed up for it. There is a lot more information on Flocknotes than what is in the bulletin. As we discussed, we want to be sure that information is consistent between parishes. Not sure how to make this happen. Whether it is a committee, a staff person, or whatever it is to help move the communication forward to all parishioners.
5. **Pope Francis Synod** - What will the involvement be of ACC? Fr. Ron commented: the diocese is still developing their process for this. Sacred Heart is the test parish for how to conduct these and collect the input we receive. There is nothing other than the questions on the website. We will be helping to develop the template for that. The main goal is to hear from people we wouldn't normally hear from. At the ministry day at St. Johns, we did brainstorming on how we are going to reach the homebound, or disaffiliated, or maybe "former members".

## G: Final Thoughts

Joan - Bulletin updates - Asked: Do we want to continue that? Am willing to do it for a few more months. Please think about this for the February meeting.

Meeting Adjourned by Candice, seconded by Dianne

Next meeting:

**Tuesday, February 22, 2022** 7:00 pm

St. Francis Xavier Parish Gathering Place

Minutes Submitted by: Aggie Schulte