

ACC Minutes – February 22, 2022
7:00 pm, Zoom Meeting
Annunciation, Sacred Heart, St. Francis Xavier, St. Stephen
One in Christ – – Area Catholic Community

In attendance: Gary Koshiol (SFX), Fr. Ron Weyrens, Stef Rothstein (SS), Joan Krause (SH), Shirley Scapanski (Ann), Leonard Popp (Ann), Candice Koopmeiners (SFX), Dcn. Joe Kreske, Guest Jason Prigge

A. Welcome & [Prayer](#)

B. 1/04/2022 Minutes-Review & Approval

Minutes were reviewed.

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

C. Update of Committee Work

First Inventory of OiC ACC Members and Committees

Discipleship Committee - Formerly the Evangelization/Stewardship Committee Members are:

Tom O., Candice, Shirley, Dianne, Joan

Young Adult Committee: Dcn. Joe Kresky , Fr. Ron,

Worship Committee: Leonard,

Communications Committee (Possible):

This is a time for those of you who wish to consider another committee.

Leonard has invited other members to join the Worship Committee

Stef noted that this is a good time to look at what happens when there is transition of those coming in or leaving the council and what we see as the expectations of the committees to ensure that we have that bridge of information. We have often said that these committees should not be “OURS” but should be building that capacity and welcoming and inviting others to become part of this creation of the unity of the One In Christ - Area Catholic Community Parishes. This may appear to be tricky, but it is a great opportunity for us to figure out how this works when people transition in and out of the committee.

Dcn. Joe noted that he felt the people coming on the committee should be the ones to choose what committee they wish to serve on. That replacing someone on the ACC committee does not mean they take on the role of whatever the person they are replacing was doing.

Joan agreed that the new members should be able to decide what committee they would like to serve on. Our Bylaws state there is to be one member of the ACC committee on each committee. She felt it might be beneficial to have more than one committee member on each of the four committees. It is also important that we recruit from outside this council.

Dcn Joe stated that at one point we hoped to have a representative from each parish on the committee so that there could be shared ideas.

Jason Prigge cautioned the group that there may not need to have young adult representation on the ACC committee. He would be willing to serve on the committee because he represents all of the four churches.

Stef shared that the Young Adult is a unique committee in itself because you want voices of young adults leading the charge so it is not you determining what is needed but instead listening and hearing from the voices of those young adults. Discipleship is different. It's not targeting an age group or a certain audience. Maybe there is one person from this council that is part of it not necessarily to be a voice or input but instead to be a bridge to bring back to this planning council as we continue to meet.

Jason agreed that it made good sense. That maybe the ACC member could consider attending the young adult meeting which will be every other month and report back to this committee. At this time, we have representatives from all parishes except one.

Stef asked if there were members who would be interested in participating in the Worship Committee - **Gary** Volunteered.

Fr. Ron stated that they have been meeting with those who have been engaged in the Worship experience, such as music groups, liturgists. It is hard to put together a Worship committee. Most parishes don't have a Worship committee. It is usually one or just a few people.

Joan felt it should be open to others if there is interest. We want people to be a part of it if they feel called to help.

Stef shared that it is more beneficial to have people step forward and express interest in being a member rather than trying to find people who may be willing to be part of the committee. There is a whole different outcome that can come with that. It's not that she disagreed but the way in which we grow has to be navigated very gently.

Leonard stated that the purpose of the Worship Committee was to provide additional opportunities outside of Sunday services for worship.

Joan suggested that if Fr. Ron, Leonard and Gary from this group and then reach out to those others who met with you last time, invite them to see where that goes, or look around to see who has shown interest or involvement so we have a good representation and then we move forward.

Joan stated we need to look at in the future of who are those who are on the one year commitment, how will we transition in less than a year from now. That can be a future agenda item. The Discipleship Committee has taken on the plans for the upcoming Mission so there is a subcommittee working on that already.

1. **Discipleship** -

Joan - the committee met on 1/20/22. Decided to use **Discipleship** as its new committee name. Looked at its membership. We have lost a few but still have a good size group who are willing to continue. Stef, Candice, Jackie and Dana met to start drafting goals and action steps for our committee.

Stef - I entered into the meeting as a learner to be able to write a new smart goal upon the conclusion of the one that was written and approved by the diocese which will conclude on 6/30/22. We talked about four parts that have been consistent components during the discussions; The overall theme or what each piece had in common to be able to write one particular SMART goal. We discovered that it is difficult to create a measurable goal when you already have the four sub pieces in. So with that comes the meeting for discipleship having the overall SMART goal but missing a specific measurable piece which will be found in each of the action processes that are created during the discipleship committee. The next piece for the meeting on Thursday is for everyone to see the template and have the SMART goal that is written as it stands and think about, for the following meeting, what each component would look like to have

action plans laid out. The SMART goal is currently drafted to the point where it hits everything with the exception of the measurable piece. They will be created as the committee itself develops action items for each of the four sub parts.

Joan - Time & Talent Survey is still under discussion. Some recommendations were to continue the education on evangelization and stewardship by posting questions that could be posted on the screens. Not sure where we are with that. It will be part of our next meeting.

2. **Young Adult:**

Jason Prigge introduced himself and provided us with the following updated information. At my performance evaluation with Fr. Tom, we discussed the Young Adult Ministry and he asked how the Young Adult and Youth Ministry is going. After reviewing the ACC minutes, there appeared to be questions that may need to be answered. I will provide the latest update but I would like to answer any questions you may have. The latest update; we have formally put together a young adult team from SH, SFX, and SS. We are still looking for someone from ANN. I do come to the OneInChrist Catholic Community with much Area Catholic Community experience because I was in the Harvest of Hope Catholic Community as a shared staff person.

We had a very productive meeting talking about what has been working and where the need is met for our 18-39 year old with a heavy focus on young adults with children. (That's me) What can we do to minister to those young adults. There is a broad spectrum within ACC. Very Young Adults to 30's young adults, single, working, college, married, married with kids. Last month we had a speaker at our Theology on Draft. We had a Theology Professor, Carrie Shane from the College of St. Bens came to speak about the importance of and practicing of healthy relationships through communication, self worth and what are non negotiables in a relationship. Very engaging. Lots of Table work. There were about 40 in attendance. Professor Patty Waletzko at SCSU for the March gathering at the House of Pizza in Sartell. Topic will be Emotional Well being. Mental Health issues are huge at this time. We need to be able to talk about those things. We will be starting a monthly Bible Study series which will rotate between the four parishes for young adults. We will gather on the first Thursday of the month with the first gathering on March 3 at Annunciation.

Young Adult Mass and a Meal - I inherited and that is going very well.

We have no budget for this ministry. So I will be creating a suggested budget so that we can do things with families such as something as simple as having clay pots for the children to paint, to fill with dirt, to plant seeds and take home with them this spring. It is very difficult to build a program without a budget. We are also working to keep expenses to a minimum so that it is reasonable for the parishes to share in the cost.

Questions: **How can we help promote this ministry?** 250 Magnetic QR Codes were ordered and now more are needed. The committee meets every other month. As a group, we were trying to reach out to the parish to find out if there have been new members who have joined their parish that are in the age bracket of 18-39. We would spend the first part of our meeting by welcoming them with a card and including a magnet with contact information and mailing it to their home. I have been trying to get marketing materials to SFX for their flocknotes. I have tagged St. Stephen on every facebook event we have.

For Sacred Heart, I am using the One In Christ Facebook page and attaching co-hosts. Social Media or QR Code or word of mouth are by far the best way to help get the word out.

Stef - Please continue to reach out to us to help push things out for you to help you in your ministry.

3. Worship/Spirituality:

Leonard - the informal Worship Committee did meet primarily with the liturgists from the four parishes. We worked towards **schedules for Holy Week.**

Holy Thursday - Each Parish will have their own service

Good Friday - Each parish will have their own service.

Easter Sunday Mass - Each parish will have their own service

Easter Vigil - There will be two Services. One at Sacred Heart and one at St. Francis.

Because of the length of the Easter Vigil services, it became necessary to combine parishes. It will give a great opportunity for the parishes to work together.

Contingency plan in the absence of a priest for Sunday Mass. Fr. Tom provided a background presentation showing us the history and where it is at. There are individuals being identified to be celebrants in the absence of a priest.

How do we communicate to the people if there is a cancellation or there will be no priest present? We have decided that each parish will have to address this individually. This has not yet been started.

4. Communication Committee?

We don't have a Communication Committee at this time. Fr. Ron shared with us that when Fr. Tom gets back from retreat, he, Fr. Tom, Tom O and Dana H will meet to see how this may be accomplished.

Joan shared that this needs to continue to be looked into. Dana has agreed to do her part in helping keep the ACC website up to date. Joe has been doing some of this as well. SFX & SH are linking the ACC website to their websites. SFX also uses Flocknotes. There are many other services that are being used.

Jason - has the Young Adult page on Sacred Heart and is wondering if it would be possible to have that on the ACC website or a link as well? Dcn. Joe said it would be doable.

Stef - We are cross marketing when we have everything linked together. From the beginning, we want to make sure that we are communicating, with people where they are at, welcoming them, inviting them and then transparency. We want to be sure everything is out for people to see and understand. There are very many ways to communicate. It would be good to have someone who is willing to take this on rather than so many of us trying different things.

Joan - suggested that we consider removing the calendar from the ACC website. It is not up to date. We can always add it on later.

D. Parish Council Updates

Annunciation - Most of the time was spent on Synod. The Worship Committee made a presentation to the Faith Formation Teachers that was very well received.

Sacred Heart - Most of the conversation was regarding the Synod. Dcn. Joe went through group listening training for his parish. We discussed a few of the other parish highlights.

St. Francis Xavier - We discussed and updated the constitution and bylaws of the Parish Council. Liturgy reports included that St. Stephen and St. Francis will join together for the Easter Vigil Mass. The Pastoral Ministry and Health and Wellness met and continue to serve the parishioners when needed. There will be a Lenten Bible Study taking place entitled No Greater Love.

St. Stephen - The Bell Tower will need repair. They had a food shelf that was reasonably small. The person who provided the resources, recently passed away, so it was decided to dis-band the food shelf. They will refer people in need to the Rice and St. Cloud areas. There was discussion regarding Wedding Guidelines for the parish. We did answer questions that were put together for the parish councils to answer. The first three are: Do you feel adequately informed about the working of our ACC? For the most part, they felt they get the minutes etc. however wondered if someone from the ACC could speak at a Mass about the happenings. How frequent do you visit the website? Only one person has looked at it. Regarding the Bulletin? They like the way it is designed and feel it is very informative.

Joan - Fr. Ron has put together what he calls "Checking the Pulse" and that is in our drive.

This could be taken to the Parish Councils as a start. These are three of the five that he has put out.

Fr. Ron will continue to present these at the SFX and SS Pastoral councils. Fr. Tom needs to be given the information to include at the SH and Annunciation. Dcn. Joe does think that Fr. Tom is aware of this information.

E. Misc

Mission: Tom O. was going to reach out to the person who will be presenting the Mission so we have more information available

ACC Display - Candice shared that there will be a display table at the Men's Conference which is taking place this weekend at St. Francis Xavier Parish. There will be an 8 ft. table with a backdrop banner. It has a poster board that features the information that was put together by Stef, Fr. Tom and Leonard. The display is very portable and easy to assemble. It would be something we would like to share with the other parishes as well to be displayed at a breakfast, or other meeting. To get the display contact either Candice or Tom O. at St. Francis Xavier Parish

G: Final Thoughts

Joan - Asked if she should do bulletin updates from the last two meetings? Joan will do it but would like someone to proof it.

Meeting adjourned 8:37 pm

Next meeting: **Tuesday, April 5, 2022** 7:00 pm

St. Francis Xavier Parish Gathering Place

Minutes Submitted by: Aggie Schulte