

ACC Minutes – June 11, 2024
7:00–8:30 pm at Sacred Heart
Annunciation, Sacred Heart, St. Francis Xavier, St. Stephen
One in Christ -- Area Catholic Community

A. Welcome & [Prayer](#)

- Attended: Fr. Tom Knoblach (SH/ANN), Fr. Ron Weyrens (SFX/SS), Tom Offerdahl (SFX), Jackie Popp (ANN), Shelly Pursley (SH), Chuck Wocken (ANN), Lisa Koll (SS), Kurt Stelton (SFX), Alex Kramer (SS), Jeanne Barnaby (SH), Dane Howard (ALL), Bonnie Dick (SH)
- Not Present: Dianne Blonigen (SS), Jason Prigge (ALL), Gary Koshiol (SFX), Althea Heim (SFX), Anita Stoerling (SH), Chad Bragemann (SFX)
- Visitors: Adam Vange (SFX), Aaron Soderholm (SS), Carol Hlebain(SS), Alexandra Kramer (SS)

B. 4.18.23 Minutes Review & Approval

- Motion made by Chuck Wocken
- Seconded by Kurt Stelton

C. Updates of committee work and Pastoral Councils (7:10-7:20)

1. Discipleship (Jackie Popp)

- Communication Discipleship Final Report
- Smart Goals: They struggled to find a target that was measurable. They had a sheet with 4 action plans which was handed out to the ACC council. When referring to the sheet it was pointed out that under the bullets referred it would refer to an event or activity. If it was bolded then it meant all parishes.
- Jackie asked how the Final SMART Goal Report gets reported. In the bulletin? One In Christ Website?
- Tom Offerdahl stated that we need to condense the report so it is readable in the bulletin.
- Kurt Stelton stated that it may work better if there is a face with the message which is more apt to engage people and inform them of what the ACC is and all of the events. Suggest doing a video and presenting at church.
- Jackie wants Dana to help give ideas to make materials for that to distribute with pictures and illustrations and also doing a slide show of the ACC events.
- Jackie stated that they are working on the next set of goals for the future but that the past 4 smart goals they will continue to think about as they set new goals.

2. Young Adult - (Jason Prigge)

- Aaron Soderholm and Alexandra Kramer filling in for Jason Prigge.
- Bible Study received a positive response. 8-14 people. Started the topic of Mercy and how it plays a role in our lives. We are seeing more faces coming into the group.
- Praise night wrapped up. Found that Sundays were poorly attended. Thursdays seem to work better so we are thinking of changing it to that day.

- Met at Beaver Island with young adults and gave them a survey to find out what new places we could meet and then check them out. Also asked about speakers to bring in and talk.
 - Young Life: Jason Prigge presented at Church about what our “Young Life” goals are. Starts in January 2025 and they are looking for people to become engaged in this new program. The Prayer team is working on the infrastructure of the “Young Life” program.
 - This is an outreach program geared towards middle school students and hoping to know 100 youth by name. Survey has shown that the disconnect to their faith starts at age 13. This is a critical age to try and keep them engaged in the church. We have to be ready once they come back to the Church to have many activities to keep them involved. Make sure a plan is in place.
 - Volleyball Event is Saturday with a BBQ.
 - Later this month scheduling Mass and a Movie at Sacred Heart..
 - Walking with Moms in Need: Collecting Items for new moms. (Clothing, diapers, ect). Thinking of a march event for this.
 - Our thoughts for the Fall Festival for Sacred Heart, Saint Francis Xavier, and Saint Stephen is to bring in the young adults to help and volunteer.
 - Annunciation: Picnic and Mass on September 8th. Maybe Youth could also help at that event.
3. Worship/Spirituality
- Diane Blonigen was absent so no information was presented. (Have not met.)
4. Communications Conversation (Dana Howard)
- Next Newsletter will be drafted about “Young Life”.
 - Update: only making 1 Faith Formation page
 - Lisa Koll suggested posting adoration times in the bulletin on the front page next to mass times for all of the area parishes.
5. Faith formation (Kurt Stelten)
- Faith Formation has been meeting on a regular basis. Next meeting is at Blackberry Ridge on October 5th from 6-9.
 - Faith on Tap: Keynote speaker is Mischa Johnson. She was a news anchor for many years at a big news station and now has changed her direction to growing in her faith. She will share her faith story and her journey to God. Activities with her will be very interactive. 6-6:45 will be a social hour with a trivia game to get familiar with everyone. Then at the end she will open it up for questions.
 - We need to bring people into this event. We would like at least 50 to 60 people to attend. In order to do this we need the ACC council to reach out to all of their friends and family to attend along with getting information out to parishes of this event.
 - Also looking to plan another event February 22nd at Blackberry Ridge. We will try and get promotional materials out in August.

D. Pastoral Council update

1. Annunciation

- The Council met May 14th. Among items discussed with the parish tuition assistance policy as Annunciation has no formal relationship with any of the Catholic schools but

wants to support parents who choose Catholic education within the means of the parish budget..

- September 8th is the picnic and hopefully a Parade. It was gone for 10 years but they are working on bringing it back. Jackie Popp is helping get the parade set up. This will be a social event with a free will offering.
- Evangelization: Who are we reaching and who are we not. Reach inward and boost people up for faith and relationships.
- Talked about “Young Life”
- Diocese and Planning: Talking about the next stage in the future for a more sustainable structure sharing clergy and schedules.
- Next phase will unfold in the next 18 months.
- Clergy will have an event on August 9th with Partners Edge to present how to best use our resources.

2. Sacred Heart

- Met April 16th
- Sara Woeste is moving to Melrose as their Choir Director.
- Need to find a new director and have a possible idea of a person moving in from Iowa who could possibly take that role.
- Jackie Popp asked if the ACC would be part of the discussion on diocesan planning and Fr. Tom said there will be structured ways for input from parishes, ACCs, councils, and others..

3. St. Francis Xavier

- Met May 23rd
- Discussed the regular Parish routines
- Just finished their book on Start with Jesus so now wondering what to do next.
- Festival is on September 15th. Breakfast with a silent auction. Possibly a Mimosa and Bloody Mary bar set up. Having a hard time finding volunteers for such a big event.

4. St. Stephen

- Met May 21st
- Discussed the regular Parish routines
- Military Convoy coming Oct. 5 with antique military vehicles and stopping at St. Stephen.
- Just finished their book on Start with Jesus so now wondering what to do next.

E. Misc. (8:10-8:30)

1. Leadership Gathering Event: October 5, 6-9pm at Blackberry Ridge, Sartell

- Thoughts about a gathering event of our leadership for One In Christ for past and present members.
- Suggest ACC Council do an annual gathering with food, games, etc. to meet new people and build relationships with other members. Also invite all pastoral council members past and present.
- Do this event January or February
- Father Tom suggested doing a service event together.
- It was suggested that we join with the faith formation group that Kurt Stelten organized on October 5th and get everyone together then.
- Patrick Flynn has retired

- Shelly Pursley will help with sending past and present council members an invite to the October 5th event.

2. Next meeting Tuesday, August 13th, at Annunciation.

F. Closing Prayer

Minutes submitted by Bonnie Dick