

ACC Minutes - October 10, 2023
7:00-8:30 pm at St. Stephen
Annunciation, Sacred Heart, St. Francis Xavier, St. Stephen
One in Christ -- Area Catholic Community

A. Welcome & [Prayer](#) (7:00-7:10)

1. Intro of attendees
 - Attended: Fr. Tom Knoblach (SH/ANN), Fr. Ron Weyrens (SFX/SS), Dianne Blonigen (SS), Shelly Pursley (SH), Jackie Popp (ANN), Joan Krause (SH), Gary Koshiol (SFX), Bonnie Dick (Notetaker SH), Patrick Flynn and Laura Gorder (St. Cloud Diocese), Althea Heim (SFX), Lisa Koll (SS)
 - Not Present: Tom Offerdahl (SFX), Chuck Wocken (ANN), Dana Howard (ALL), Jason Prigge (ALL), Chad Braegelmann (SFX), Kurt Stelten (SFX)
 - Visitors: Jim Schumer and Chuck Spsychala (Trustees SS), Danita Traut (Pastoral Council SS)

B. [8.8.2023 Minutes](#) Review & Approval (7:10-7:15)

1. Jackie Popp Motioned
2. Diane Blonigen seconded it.

C. [ACC Council Members List](#) (7:15-7:30)

Shelly along with Council Members went through the list for accuracy and Shelly then made changes. See updates on the ACC Council Members List.

1. Discuss whose terms are ending
 - Need to fill Joan Krause position as Co-Chair of the ACC Council and Gary Koshiol (SFX) as of January 1st 2024. Chad Braegelmann will take Gary's position. Father Tom will come up with some names to fill Joan's position. Father Tom stated that it would be nice to make sure we have a gender balance. Joan will turn over the folder to the newly appointed person and Father Tom will give those onboard materials to the new person.
 - Committees and Council Members: Joan no longer on the discipleship committee.
 - There are 4 committees within the ACC (Discipleship, Young Adult, Worship/Spirituality, Faith Formation). Evangelization & Stewardship are combined into the Discipleship Committee.
 - Faith Formation needs someone on that committee. Chad Braegelmann had expressed an interest along with Kurt Stelten. Shelly Pursley will reach out to them to see if they are interested.

D. Parish Nurse/Faith Community Nurse

- Becky Kulzer met with Joyce to set up an ad in the bulletin to see if there is an interest in that position.
- Joyce Simmons teaches classes to educate the person to be in that role but will not be doing the November/December Classes. Classes will be offered in November and December Saturday and Sunday Evenings. Person would need 30 hours of education which would be a total of 4 days.
- Joyce will help bring parishes together to help with Health Care Directives.

E. SMART Goals (7:40-8:20)

1. Discuss preparation plans for a meeting that is scheduled with Bishop Neary on December 20th from 9:30am-4:00pm at St. Mary's

- Patrick Flynn: 8-10 people from the ACC Councils will be spending the day with Bishop Neary. A 10-15 min presentation is required to address questions from the prepared sheet given to the ACC Council Members.
 - Father Tom and Father Ron have picked out the names of those people to be on the committee to present that day. This list of names need to be given to Patrick Flynn and sent out soon.
 - The presentation can be in a powerpoint format or a handout. 1 sheet of paper only and the powerpoint needs to be 10 slides or under.
 - Committee is to communicate the answers they discussed on the given questions from Bishop Neary.
 - The goals and answers will help reveal a lot about the ACC Council. The Bishop will be able to see the goals, direction and inspiration of the council and what the future may hold.
 - Patrick Flynn stated that the Bishop is wanting to gather information before making any decisions.
 - Laura Gorder stated that this process will help us learn from each other and spark new ideas before the presentation.
 - Father Tom is planning on setting up the meetings with the group before the presentation which he will also be present.
 - Bishop Neary meeting is not about closing parishes but the possibility of restructuring things.
 - Patrick Flynn states that the ACC structure is used so that the Bishop can see what is going on in his parishes.
 - Father Tom states that as you prepare for the presentation to make sure to talk about accomplishments and struggles so the Bishop can see a clear picture of how the ACC council works.
- a. Patrick Flynn to explain/answer questions about the ACC visit with the Bishop.
- It is ok to ask Bishop Neary questions during the visit.
 - Jackie Popp expressed the need to talk about when and where they will meet to get started going over the questions.
 - Patrick Flynn needs to send the list of presenters for name tags and food order.

2. Review progress of One in Christ SMART goals:

A. Discipleship

- Action Plan: Be a disciple
- Need to think about new goals for 2024
- Smart Goals need to be achievable with an action plan.
- As they made goals, they realized that some goals crossed over to other goals.
- Evangelical and Stewardship combined as the Discipleship Committee.

B. Worship

- Mass Schedule goals were met. It has evolved though with only 2 priests.
- New goals need to be established: New Liturgical events, Advent, ect...
- Father Tom states that access to all 4 parishes schedules will help with those goals.

- One of the goals was to hire a young adult coordinator and as a result a leadership team for that was created. Now they can work on future goals.
- Advantage of our ACC is to have strong individuals who head groups that are in our parish.
- Laura Gorder talked about “Pathways” which is a pilot program for youth that other parishes are trying out.
- Gather/Worship has supplemental materials for at home and for parent-child groups. Jason is looking into that.

F. Purpose of Faith Formation Committee (8:20-8:25)

- Joan Krause suggested that they need a new Smart Goal. They need to talk about areas that we need to work on and that can be achieved.
- Joan met with the Faith Formation group and talked about starting a committee to work on their goal but the directors want to know the purpose and define if the collaboration is needed before they proceed.
- They also talked about what is going on in Bible School, Confirmation. Everyone is working together.
- Goal: How are you listening: A process to initiate children 7-13.
- Goal of One in Christ Faith Formation is to reach a variety of families and get them more involved.
- What was helpful in the Faith Formation groups then and now.
- Keep Kids involved in church from baptism to adulthood.
- Father Ron stated that once they become adults in the church, what do they then need.
- A library collection that could be used for Faith Formation groups or some kind of resource center.
- Some literature will engage some but not others. Everyone has different likes and needs.

G. Misc. (8:25-8:30)

1. [Worship Committee Minutes](#)

- Book [Eucharistic Miracles of the World](#) highlighted by having a station set up representing each miracle.
- Shelly asked where we could set this up and Father Ron suggested maybe only 1 location but provide transportation. Sacred Heart and St. Francis Xavier have the largest spaces to set up.
- ACC agreed to move forward on doing this exhibit.
- Next Meeting Tuesday, December 5, at. Annunciation at 7pm.

H. Closing [Prayer](#) (8:30)

Minutes submitted by Bonnie Dick

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.