

ACC Planning Council

Meeting Minutes - January 5th, 2021

7:00pm **VIRTUAL**

Annunciation, Sacred Heart, St. Francis Xavier, St. Stephen One in Christ -- Area Catholic Community

In attendance:

Fr. Ron Weyrens, Joan Krause., Deacon Joe Kresky, Chuck Spychala, Shirley Skapanski, Frank Rajkowski, Leonard Popp, Candice Koopmeiners, Stef Rothstein, Carol Hellmann, Father Tom Knoblach

Absent:

Jeff Brunn, Jean Bemboom, Adam Vonderahe

Representation in sub-committees:

Dcn. Joe - Priests don't necessarily need to be on all committees (especially since there are two men for four committees). Instead, keep them informed and used as support/resource.

Leonard - agreed. Each parish should have at least one representative of each committee to allow for diversity of voices. Priests still remain informed and give input & support.

Joan - we need to check every committee to determine which committees are in need of representation.

Frank - not all subcommittees need to have A.C.C. people on them. Instead, A.C.C. representatives should be kept in the loop.

Joan - One person from each parish not belonging to the A.C.C. on each committee, but one A.C.C. rep involved in each to allow for communication and consistency.

Proposal - A.C.C. reps continue serving on sub-committees with the intent on growing the committees to build leadership in those outside the A.C.C. Planning Council. Representation from all parishes with at least one A.C.C. member, but not necessary to have four A.C.C. members on each.

Parish representation inventory of those currently serving: Priests serve in fluid roles, both members and liaisons depending on the need of the committee.

Stewardship - has representation from all parishes

Worship - missing SFX, suggesting Mark L. Fr. Ron

RCIA/Evangelization - has representation from all parishes

Young Adult - missing S.S., suggesting Dana Gasperlin. Fr. Ron

Updates of sub-committee work

- *Stewardship* - will meet Thursday. Main goal is education on what stewardship means and inspiring parishioners to embrace living a life of stewardship. Books were purchased for all individual parish council members with a goal of moving towards a

consistent message and understanding. Books will be used as tools in the way that best fits each respective parish and its needs.

- *Young Adult* - recommendations are listed and shared [HERE](#). Preferred priority to hire someone so that the new responsibilities do not fall on someone with existing roles. Wanting to hire from outside the parish so no favoritism is assumed. Would like to start an advisory board to assist in decision making and planning. Team is committed to offer opportunities as cross-parish possibilities with the understanding that there will be a conscious effort to act and plan so that it is not seen as one parish becoming the “hub” within the A.C.C.
 - Team will meet to begin ideating how to frame proposals for shared contract positions.
- *RCIA/Evangelization* - Will be meeting on Thursday to finalize the details for sending the letter and following up with contacts for Lent. Jackie Popp provided resources for calling for those who will be doing so.

Parish council Updates

- Annunciation - not met yet, but supposed to in January. May end up Zooming.
 - Leonard - points out involving parish councils may not necessarily need to wait until council meetings. Suggests finding some way for involvement instead, or it will impede progress.
- Sacred Heart - hasn't met either. Supposed to meet early December, and instead wrote and shared staff reports.
- St. Francis-Xavier - hasn't met.
- St. Stephen - hasn't met with the new schedule to meet on Tuesday, February 16th.

A.C.C. Planning Committee Transitions

Frank - possibility of reducing the A.C.C. Planning Council to 2 people per parish to serve as the A.C.C. Council (*NOT* a joint Pastoral Council). One of the two members should be an active member of their respective parish council. This committee would be responsible for monitoring and supporting the goals that were originally established by connecting with the subcommittees and their work and supporting their efforts.

Leonard - has a different interpretation of the discussion. The A.C.C. Planning Committee would morph into a joint Pastoral Advisory Council, but emphasizes Frank's statement that the “rubber hits the road” work will be gifted to the sub-committees.

Fr. Tom - both Frank and Leonard articulated the conversation well. Not married to anything in particular, but the main concern is the risk of various leadership groups not communicating or collaborating with one another. There simply must be a connection between what happens in each parish and the “whole” of what happens within the Area Catholic Community. Notes were taken and added to our “Minutes/Agenda” folder (view) [HERE](#)).

Frank - it's preferred that this new morphing remain not an A.C.C. Pastoral Council to allow for flexibility and reduce the need to establish time-consuming bylaws.

Fr. Tom - The main focus: articulate the values that guide the goals.

Joan - if this seems “doable”, what is the process to move towards this?

Fr. Tom - currently in limbo, as a new Bishop will come aboard and may have a vision that would push us to pivot.

This will be a returning agenda item for February.

Discussion of handing over currently existing roles.

Stef agrees to remain chair, Shirley as co-chair. Leonard and Candice would like a break. Joan is willing to take this on with the help of someone else. Frank agrees to assist Joan with the bulletin updates with Stef helping as technical support. Cindy would like to conclude as the note-taker, so Candice will reach out to a friend to ask if they'd be willing to take over. Stef will act as recorder until a member outside of the A.C.C. Planning Council is found, and Shirley will facilitate meetings in the event that Stef records.

Next meeting Tuesday, February 2nd 7:00 Via Zoom

Respectfully submitted by Stef Rothstein, substitute recorder