

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

- A. Welcome & [Prayer](#)
- Attended: Tom Offerdahl (SFX), Althea Heim (SFX), Lisa Koll (SS), Gary Koshiol (SFX), Fr. Ron Weyrens (SFX/SS), Fr. Tom Knoblach (SH/ANN), Joan Krause (SH), Jackie Popp (ANN), Dianne Blonigen (SS), Shelly Pursley (SH), Jason Prigge (ALL), Dana Howard (ALL)
 - Not Present: Chuck Wocken (ANN)
 - Visitor: Carol Hlebain from St Stephen's Pastoral Council
- B. 12.6.22 Minutes Review & Approval
- Joan Krause mentioned Shelly Pursley's name is spelled incorrectly. Was documented on the minutes as Shelley Fursley
 - Motion made by Fr. Tom Knoblach
 - Seconded by Diane Blonigen
- C. Key elements (7:10-7:20)
- Identify Notetaker
 - Discussed who will take the minutes for future meetings
 - Joan Krause stressed we would like to have someone assigned to take the minutes by the next meeting. Could be 2 people to share the duties.
 - Identify open positions on council and committee reps
 - Reviewed open positions & remaining years of service on the ACC Council
 - Review [vision/mission](#), [articles](#) & [bylaws](#), and [7 elements](#)
 - Joan Krause provided everyone a copy of the:
 - Articles of Organization for the One in Christ Area Catholic Community Planning Council
 - By-Laws for the One in Christ Area Catholic Community Planning Council
- C. Focus and Perspective Reflection (Jackie) (7:20-7:50) [Notes link](#)
- Jackie Popp had us all work on an One in Christ worksheet.
 - Jackie had us all go around the table to discuss our ideas that we wrote down during our worksheet exercise.
 - Jackie is going to share our ideas with the Discipleship committee.
- D. Updates of committee work and Parish Councils (7:50-8:10)
1. Discipleship
 - Consider a time when we could incorporate an Evangelization prayer during mass or some other time (See end of notes for copy of prayer). To be discussed by pastors /worship committee
 2. Young Adult - (Jason)
 - Formulating a program geared towards young adults with children
 - Working on a grant for young adult ministry within St Cloud Diocese
 3. Worship/Spirituality
 - Would like someone from the ACC Council to be on the Worship committee
 - Committee discussing schedules in regards to Lent, Stations of the Cross, Easter, etc.

- Focusing on what worship would be like when we have more priests retiring
- 4. Communications Conversation (Dana)
 - Will be sending out a Lent letter soon
 - Focusing on communicating via social media, church slides, funeral announcements, etc
- 5. Sacred Heart & Annunciation
 - Talking about having a breakfast at Sacred Heart
 - Father Tom would like to focus on some of the church statistics with the pastoral councils (comparing years 2017 vs 2020)
- 6. St. Francis-Xavier & St Stephen
 - Reviewed goals
 - Discussing 75th Anniversary
 - Rural Life Celebration
 - Set for 3rd Sunday of August - thinking about having a 10:30 am mass
 - All of the parishes within the ACC will need to assist with the logistics of this celebration
 - St Cloud Diocese will contribute \$'s toward this celebration
 - There is a private donation of \$5k
 - A zoom meeting with interested parishioners from each parish and Diocesan staff will be held later this month to start planning

E. Q & A/Listening Session (8:10-8:20)

- Questions to pose to attendees
- Questions to address from attendees

F. Misc.(8:20-8:30)

1. Events:
 - “Tables for Two” (February 18)
 - At this time the event has been canceled/postponed due to lack of interest.
 - Rural Life Sunday (August 2023)
 - Refer to Rural Life Celebration noted above
2. Other:
 - Fr. Ron Weyrens would like to discuss at the next meeting Eucharistic Revival
 - Consider adding a faith formation committee
3. Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 4/18 at Annunciation 7pm

G. Closing Prayer (8:30)

Future Agenda Items:

- Attendance at Parish Pastoral Council Meetings - purpose

Location	Date	ACC Council Member Attending
Annunciation	2/21/2023	Tom Offerdahl
St Francis	2/23/2023	
St Stephen	3/21/2023	
Sacred Heart	4/11/2023	Gary Koshiol

Minutes submitted by Shelly Pursley

Prayer for the New Evangelization

God, our father, we pray that through the Holy Spirit we might hear the call of the New Evangelization to deepen our faith, grow in confidence to proclaim the Gospel and boldly witness to the saving grace of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

---adapted from the *Prayer for the New Evangelization, USCCB*