

ACC Planning Council
Meeting Minutes - March 2nd, 2021

7:00 VIRTUAL

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

In Attendance:

Fr. Ron Weyrens, Joan Krause, Deacon Joe Kresky, Shirley Skapanski, Frank Rajkowski, Leonard Popp, Candice Koopmeiners, Jeff Brunn, Adam Vonderahe, Fr. Tom Knobloch, Jean Bemboom, Carol Hellman **Absent:**

Chuck Spychala, Stef Rothstein

Shirley opened with prayer and welcomes

Minutes were reviewed with no changes made.

Sub-committee updates:

Stewardship -

- Joan - Continue to read the Stewardship success book. Very helpful to members. Reviewed our goals. Talked if they need to be tweaked especially since Covid. Education of Parishioners in progress. Increase in annual giving may not be a good time at this time as well as Time, Talent and Treasure survey is on hold right now. Hope things can take place once Covid situations improve. We would like to meet with the Evangelization committee to be sure we are collaborating with each other and not working over each other. Looked at the Wichita Diocese video to see what others are doing. We will look at more videos to see what might work for our parishes. Leonard and his wife Jackie shared a paper form document with their council. However, they would like to see a digital form made, so all would use the same form. Suggested a Sharing Tools area - A library storage area that all parishes could use is being looked at. The goal is to make the message as complete and common for all parishes. The pictorial directory was discussed. Past companies are no longer doing this. There is an instant church directory of some sort, with a cost of \$95 per year to keep such a directory. Vicki Sanborn has been checking on this. She has indicated she may also consider spearheading this. Not sure where this is at this time.

Young Adult -

- Frank - The young adult committee did not meet this month. Nothing new

Evangelization -

- Shirley - They met. Postcards and letters have been sent. Talked about taking a step back and looking at what it means to Evangelize. A book regarding evangelization was suggested called *Start With Jesus*. The books have been ordered for members of the committee and will be discussed at upcoming meetings. Julia Stock, from Wisconsin wrote the book. We talked about possibly having her come to our parishes to speak about Evangelization. An Email has been sent to her. We are waiting to see if this could possibly happen to help get us going in the right direction.
- Candice - Jackie took notes and they are available in the Google Docs. We discussed working with Stewardship. Letters have been sent to SFX parishioners, phone calls are being made. Callers are asking to take notes and bring them back to the committee. That will help us to know which direction they should go.

Future Committees

- Joan - Asked if before we move on, can we have a conversation about - Should we have a liturgy or worshipping committee for the future? It would be good to have representation at these meetings. Even though they may not be needed right now, it may be good to have a committee so that in the future there will be people who will continue to see to it that issues are addressed.
- Fr. Tom - Some formation and support for various ministers, such as ushers, greeters, servers, lectors, extraordinary ministers is happening within each parish. Each parish has its own traditions and customs and those need to be honored. There should be a clear charter or mandate for what this group would be engaged with.
- Frank - Agrees that we should have other parishioners involved in the committee rather than just people from our group. On an ongoing basis, we will need that.
- Joan - Looking at the long range plan, as ACC, we should share resources rather than duplicating things. When we first started, we knew that the ACC would maybe need to be expanded. It wasn't just the 3 or 4 things that we started with. Maybe this should be added on the agenda in the future.
- Leonard - would be open to get together

Any updates on Flocknote?

- Adam - SFX is using an expanded Flocknote. Sending out daily to all those signed up. It is a brief Lenten reflection and challenge. It is Free until Easter. People seem to be embracing it. There are about 1400 people who are signed up with Flocknote and receive the e-mail. About 40% of the people actually open Flocknote. Currently, it costs SFX approximately \$90 a month to issue various weekly messages to parishioners, including links to our bulletin, a few other items that may be in the bulletin, a prayer, school events, etc. Do not anticipate using the expanded version beyond Easter. Faith Formation uses flocknote extensively. Other groups such as KC's, Christian Women, Etc. use it as needed.
- Dcn Joe - Uses a free version. The advantage is you can reach a larger number of people. You can mass text or e-mail and also make up small groups.
- Possibly a Communication committee?

Parish Council Updates:

- Leonard - Stewardship training was brought up. Suggested the reading and review. There was no response to the presentation. There were two meetings that evening. It was primarily a listening session.
- Fr. Tom - Sacred Heart has a long familiarity with the concept of Stewardship training. The ACC Bulletin announcements are very effective and helpful. Youth Ministry was brought up but no discussion or specifics were shared.
- Adam - Everyone has received the book. Brief conversation. We will discuss the book at future meetings. The Job Description of the Youth ministry was introduced.
 - Fr. Ron - Book in hand and Youth ministry was suggested. Mass times were brought up again.
- Joan - What is the next step in the Young Adult Ministry position?
- Dcn Joe - Sacred Heart continues to work on youth and young adult events. Suggest we continue to present. The Job Description needs to be worked on and finalized. We do have a job description on the google drive. It will need to be tweaked
- Leonard - It would be good to have something concrete to present to the councils. What are the expectations of this position. The salary could be discussed once we know that is expected.
 - Frank - This committee should decide what direction we should go with this position. Does not think this is going to happen this year.
 - Fr. Tom - We are in the budgeting season, so we should know if we should include it.

- Fr. Ron - Suggested the committee, finalize the job description, come up with the dollar parameters and get it out.
- All Agreed - Then get to the finance and parish councils for their approval.
- Frank - We need to get things settled as to what the financial contributions will be for each parish. He agreed to head this up.
- Are all in agreement? Yes - head nods

A.C.C. Planning Council Transitions -

- Frank, Fr Tom and Leonard met. Leonard did get examples of ACC constitutions and bi-laws from Brenda and we reviewed them to see what we might be thinking for us in terms of real details of bylaws, put in writing or should there be anything in writing. We want to keep it general, but we should have something in writing. Frank will put together a draft. Hopefully by next meeting we have a draft that the committee can present to the full council and can discuss it. But it will be general.
- No other comments or concerns.

Bulletin Review

- Five people responded to the bulletin questions.
- Question to the committee: What is the purpose of the bulletin?
 - A communication piece. What and when things are going on. Financials. Things that bring our community together. What's happening in the parishes in the next week or weeks. An Educational and Spiritual piece at times. Evangelizing piece. Both practical and visionary.
- Things noted: Liked the colors.
- Things to be changed. More home information in St. Stephen and Mayhew Lake. If a parish needs more information in the bulletin, be sure to mention that to Jane. She is able to move things around. There are some limitations, but if it is important, she will try to do her best to get them included. There is some duplication that should be watched.
- Use the common page to include baptisms, deaths, weddings, etc. from all parishes on that page.
- Prayer requests, Don't repeat so it looks the same from week to week.
- Is there a need for an editor?
- Birthdays? Do they need to be printed?
- Contact information? Is it all necessary and does it need to be in every week and as detailed?
- Space that Pastors have to share their thoughts?
- Let's continue the conversation.

Communications for OiC email account and information from Mark Kuhl will be addressed next month.

The next meeting will be at 7:00 pm, **Tuesday, April 6**. If not virtual, possible in person would take place at St. Stephen

Meeting adjourned at 8:30

Closing Prayer

Minutes submitted by Aggie Schulte