

ACC Minutes – August 13, 2024
7:00–8:30 pm at Annunciation
Annunciation, Sacred Heart, St. Francis Xavier, St. Stephen
One in Christ – – Area Catholic Community

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

- Attended: Althea Heim (SFX), Fr. Tom Knoblach (SH/ANN), Jackie Popp (ANN), Chuck Wocken (ANN), Shelly Pursley (SH), Jeanne Barnaby (SH), Don Burggraff (SFX)
- Not Present: Tom Offerdahl (SFX), Lisa Koll (SS), Fr. Ron Weyrens (SFX/SS), Dianne Blonigen (SS), Jason Prigge (ALL), Dana Howard (ALL), Bonnie Dick (SH), Kurt Stelten (SFX), Chad Braegelmann (SFX), Adam Vange (SFX)
- Visitors:
 - Annunciation Pastoral Council: Donna Brown, Janessa Strande, John Koenig
 - Trustee: Jean Bemboom

B. [06.11.2024 Minutes](#) Review & Approval (7:10-7:15)

- Move Adam Vange from as a visitor to attended.
- Motion made by Jackie Popp
- Seconded by Chuck Wocken

C. Updates of Committee Work (7:15-7:45)

1. Discipleship (Jackie Popp)

- Discipleship Committee went forward with the recommendations that were suggested at the 6/11/2024 ACC Council meeting.
- There will be an insert in September's bulletin as well as an updated website.
- Checking to see if we can mutually buddy up with the adult formation with the October 5th event that is being held at Blackberry Ridge.

2. Young Adult (Jason Prigge) - Jason wasn't able to attend but provided the following updates via email:

- We have begun planning for theology on draft for the upcoming year. We are having good luck with locations lining up. The next step is to solidify our speakers with the topics that were voted upon by young adults.
- We just finished our Bible study on Mercy, it was a really fruitful group with a lot of powerful discussions. I have an idea for the next direction but will need to find the document in which matches my vision.
- The Young Adults calendar is solidified and so I will just need to do my part in uploading it to the Google calendar for other young adults to download to their device. I am happy with the direction our ministry is going with a fair balance of social events, Faith sharing events and of course prayer events.
- The other thing that our team is working on is solidifying service opportunities not only as a leadership team but also as a young adult collective. An example of this is Festival time slots (I need a contact for Annunciation and a clear vision and commitment of a time slot of what we are doing), The walking with Mom's project in which we are waiting to meet with their leadership group, and we are helping with the adult formation night, one of our team members is creating the trivia for the welcome or as people come in.

- When it comes to Young Life, we are waiting for their software system to update. They did a conversion and it did not go so well for them. So it is a waiting game for us. Once the area number is established and we have our funding, we can begin training. A few of us went to camp last week to experience what Young Life does and I will say it took a few days of convincing but I was convinced of the good relational work that they do by the end of the week. I will also begin working on a detailed structure so that it is clear what doing ministry with YoungLife looks like.
3. Worship (Diane Blonigen) - Diane wasn't able to attend to provide an update. Someone within the group mentioned the Worship committee have not met since our last ACC meeting.
 4. Faith Formation (Kurt Stelton) - Kurt wasn't able to attend but provided the following updates via email:
 - Faith Formation did not meet since the last ACC meeting.
 - The event on Oct. 5th is moving along as planned. We have our next committee meeting on Aug. 20th at Blackberry Ridge Golf Club
 - We will be creating the flyer and finalizing our outreach efforts (promotion and marketing).
 - Reviewing the layout and talking with Blackberry on food & beverage options.
 - Finalizing the details on raffle and give away items for early registration and those that attend.
 - We secured the next event at Blackberry on February 22nd. More details will follow after the Oct. event.
 5. Communications (Dana Howard) - Dana wasn't able to attend but provided the following update via email:
 - The bulletin redesign process has begun.
 - Per Fr. Tom Knoblach:
 - Consulted with LPI. They will provide various bulletin templates that will work for our parishes.
 - Still working out the details of redesigning the bulletin.

D. Pastoral Council Updates (7:45-8:00)

1. Annunciation (Fr Tom Knoblach)
 - Meeting is next week
 - Planning parish picnic that is being held on September 8th.
 - Focus is community & bringing people together.
 - Bringing the parade back. Starts at 11:30am.
 - At noon serving pulled pork & beef for lunch. Free will offering.
 - Various games will be available for the kids as well as a silent auction & bag raffle.
 - Fall Clean Up
 - Welcoming Graham United Methodist Church's new pastor, Cassandra Ann Betker.
 - There were 37 nominees for the Pastoral Council. Very impressive.
2. Sacred Heart (Fr Tom Knoblach)
 - Focusing on the SMART Goals
 - Thinking about what are their priorities
 - Working on getting a team to call every household for:
 - What can we pray for?
 - Opportunity to make a point of contact.
 - Presentation on St John Vianney being held on September 8th at 7pm.

3. St. Francis Xavier (Fr Ron Weyrens) - With Fr. Ron Weyrens being absent, there was no update.
 - Parish festival is being held on Sept 15th. Free will offering for breakfast.
4. St. Stephen (Fr Ron Weyrens) - With Fr. Ron Weyrens being absent, there was no update.
 - Parish festival on Labor Day.

E. Misc. (8:00-8:30)

1. Google Drive Assistance: need help in providing editing rights to the ACC Minutes. (Shelly Pursley)
 - Dana Howard offered her assistance prior to this meeting. Shelly will make arrangements to meet up with Dana.
2. St Cloud Diocese update by Tom Knoblach
 - All of the pastors with the St Cloud Diocese attended a meeting that was held by Bishop Neary.
 - Looked at diminished resources:
 - Priests
 - Participation
 - Currently have 55 active priests & 39 retired priests for 131 parishes.
 - Year 2010: 132k registered Catholics
 - Year 2024: 110k registered Catholics
 - 10% of the people don't live within the St Cloud Diocese.
 - We reach 13% of the school-age population of the diocese with our schools and faith formation programs.
 - There are 29 ACC's
 - Focused on:
 - Why we should change due to the current circumstances?
 - What we want to aim for?
 - July 2025 aiming to have a plan put into place.
 - 5 common themes among all ACC's:
 - Communication
 - Passion for the Parish
 - Concern for the priests burning out
 - Demographics
 - Evangelization
3. Anita Stoering reached out to Shelly Pursley prior to this meeting in regards to postponing her active role until January 2025. Per Fr. Tom Knoblach this will be ok to postpone since we have enough members on the ACC Council.
4. Next Meeting Tuesday, October 8th, at Sacred Heart
 - Fr. Tom & Fr. Ron will not be able to attend this meeting.

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

Minutes submitted by Shelly Pursley