

# **One in Faith Area Catholic Community**

## **Meeting Minutes**

Church of St. Mary, Fireside Room

July 9, 2024, at 7:00 PM

### **Opening Prayer**

The regular meeting of the One in Faith Area Catholic Community was called to order at 7:01pm on July 9, 2024, by Lisa Wuertz.

### **Present**

Andy Klaphake, Rosa Ramirez, Kristie Revering, Lisa Wuertz, Gary Feldewerd, Mark Schoenberg, Father Mitch, Father Oswaldo, Father Dan, Richard Sand, Char Meyer, Marvin Meyer, Herman Lensing, Pam Pundsack, Carol Inderrieden, Maureen Schaefer, Janet Dusek, and Ashley Feldewerd

### **Approval of Agenda - consensus approval**

### **Consultative Discussion - Pastors**

Father Mitch Bechtold – Father Mitch introduced himself.

Father Dan – Father Dan expressed his gratitude for the service of outgoing priests and Father Marv’s continued service. Father Dan noted that he is excited and looking forward to what is to come with the new priests.

Father Oswaldo – Father Oswaldo introduced himself.

### **Parish Reports**

- a) St. Mary – The parish raffle will be September 8<sup>th</sup>. The sixth-grade position has been filled at St. Mary’s school.
- b) Sacred Heart – Parish festival is coming up in a little over a week. School projects are happening. A new toddler program is being added to the school. There are several remodeling projects happening now. There are also 3 new teachers starting in the upcoming school year. Several positions are being added to the school staff with the new toddler program. There are currently 9 signed up for this new program. The program is for children ages 16 months to 33 months. There are 40 preschoolers currently between both ages of the preschool program. The new program is capped at 14 kids for the first year to allow time to get started.
- c) Immaculate Conception – The summer raffle was just finished for the parish. This went well, the remodel project is almost finished. There will be a kickoff with the bishop coming to celebrate mass in October.

- d) St. Rose of Lima – The parish festival will be Labor Day weekend. Things are going well for the parish.
- e) St. Michael – The custodian has left and has been replaced by two people who will now share this position moving forward.
- f) St. Andrew – The parish is preparing for Barley Days. This is the 75<sup>th</sup> celebration that will be a two-day celebration August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. A raffle and several events will be included.
- g) St. John – The parish had the Corpus Christi celebration; it was a great celebration. There was mass, a concert, and a dinner. There were a lot of ACC members and parish members present to help with set up and hosting the celebration. The celebration expense was covered by Meire Grove. This event was centered around the Eucharist and giving back. Renovations are now continuing; painting and plaster are on hold since this can be completed in the winter months. The outside upgrades will start taking place now to be completed during the summer months. The parish is seeking other options for the work that needs to be done near the foundation. The parish has had some engineers look at the issues. The work is not urgent, so the parish is seeking out the best option to ensure that the repairs are completed correctly. There are a couple of issues by the chimney that will be addressed this fall yet. It was noted that we should keep the focus of the events as an opportunity of giving and keep that spirit at the forefront.
- h) Hispanic Community – nothing to report.

### **Old Business**

- a. Play Progress – two people have contacted Herman with interest in being part of the play. At this time Herman is thinking that he should put up some posters to promote this. Father Mitch suggested that we use social media to promote the play. A poster should be created with information and should include dates and times for auditions. This should be promoted as a catholic play. There was discussion on if there should be outreach to young adults. There aren't a lot of parts in this play for kids.

### **New Business**

- a. New Priest Introductions
- b. One in Faith Website – Marvin has done some research into the website and feels that ours has some room for improvement. He has observed that our websites are very different, and it would be nice to do some updates. Father Mitch noted that there is not a joint website. The priests are meeting with the diocese in August and October, there may be some changes coming, so we think that it should be put on hold until we know what the future looks like. Father Mitch noted that in his previous ACC they had outsourced the updates and maintenance of the combined website.
- c. Update from the Diocese – Janet was present from the Diocese. Janet noted several celebrations that will be happening in the next few months. The Humanae Vitae Mass will be held on July 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Cathedral. The Rural Life Celebration is happening on August 18<sup>th</sup> at the Middendorf Farm in Long Prairie

at 1:30pm. Mass for Suicide Healing and Remembrance will be held at the Cathedral on September 28th. A Mass of Hope and Healing will be held in October at St. Mary's at 7:00pm. Janet noted that there are also mental health resources from the Diocese available.

- d. Change of frequency of the ACC Meeting – it was discussed that starting in 2025 that ACC meetings could be changed to quarterly. Meetings could take place in November, February, May, and August.

### **Agenda for Next Meeting**

- a. Discuss changing the meeting frequency to quarterly – change in bylaws.
- b. New members to start in January as replacements of outgoing members.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm by Lisa Wuertz. The next meeting will be at 7:00pm on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at the Church of St. Mary.