

One in Faith Area Catholic Community

Meeting Minutes

Church of St. Mary, Fireside Room

January 17th, 2023, at 7:00 PM

Opening Prayer

The regular meeting of the One in Faith Area Catholic Community was called to order at 7:05pm on January 17th, 2023, by Richard Sand.

Present

Gary Feldewerd, Karl Meyer, Maureen Schaefer, Ray Primus, Lisa Wuertz, Jean Hemker, Father Newton, Kristie Revering, Jan Herzog, Father Dan, Father Marv, Richard Sand, Don Brang, Lillian Arnzen, Andy Klaphake, Rosa Ramirez, Pam Pundsack, and Ashley Feldewerd

Approval of Agenda - consensus approval

Approval of Minutes – November 8th, 2022

Consultative Discussion - Pastors

Father Marv Enneking – Father Marv started a discussion regarding bulletin inserts for the catholic schools in the ACC. Discussion was had regarding whether they should go in all bulletins within the ACC, the consensus from ACC members was to put information about school events in all the bulletins so that all ACC parishioners would have awareness of events.

Father Dan – Father Dan shared that first confessions are happening for those who will be celebrating first communion this year. The Wine and Dine is coming up on January 28th for Sacred Heart School in Freeport.

Father Arockiya Newton – Guadalupe celebration was held in the school gym. Weather was an issue, the turn out wasn't as good as they were hoping. Working on registering parishioners from the Hispanic community.

Parish Reports

- a) St. Mary –
- b) Sacred Heart –
- c) Immaculate Conception – the winter raffle in January and went well. Immaculate conception is trying to push to get the word out about the elevator and gathering space addition. They are hoping to decide on whether to move ahead with the project in a month.

- d) St. Rose of Lima- There was a meeting about the 125th celebration. They will be having another meeting on Thursday to discuss more about the celebration. Quilts are already being made for the festival. Lillian said if you haven't seen the church, you should stop and see it, it is beautiful.
- e) St. Michael – They had officers/representatives from all parish groups and organizations at the December parish leadership meeting. Each group/organization gave a report to the parish leadership council and asked any questions they had. This practice will be continued at the December meeting each year.
- f) St. Andrew – Steak and wine is coming up for St. Johns/St. Andrews school on February 4th.
- g) St. John – working on roof project, working in phases to complete this project. Hopefully the leaks are taken care of. Shingling the steeple is next, north side of the church and new gutters. This is a long process, but we are plugging away on it.
- h) Hispanic Community –

Old Business

- a) Divine Mercy Sunday Event (April 16th) – Maureen did some research for this event. Considering a possible start time at one with confessions, followed by an hour of adoration, possibly have some speakers to follow. Divine mercy, chaplet is song, and then end with mass. Maureen would be happy to coordinate if they had this in New Munich due to her knowledge of that parish. Possibly start this in New Munich this year and then rotate to other parishes in upcoming years. Discussion was had about whether we could have this as a bi-lingual event to be more inclusive. It would be nice to have some help to plan and put this together. Subcommittee – Maureen would chair, Richard will help anyone as well else is welcome to help with planning.
- b) Musician list for parishes- clarification on what we are looking for. Parishes are looking for someone that can lead the liturgy. This hasn't been in the bulletin yet. The ACC felt this should be put in the bulletin on a quarterly basis.

New Business

- a) Synod Process and Update – nothing to update on this currently.
- b) New Bishop- Bishop Elect will be coming to our Diocese soon. The priests received an invitation from Bishop Kettler to meet the new bishop on January 27th.
- c) ACC report in the bulletin – ACC members talked about putting a synopsis in the bulletin or possibly making this available on the website. There might not be enough space in the bulletin. These will be sent in the offices to be posted on the parish websites.

- d) Facilitator Discussion – Richard was nominated and accepted the facilitator position for another year. Nomination for a vice chair was Lisa Wuertz. Nomination was accepted.
- e) Back up for note taker – Pam Pundsack has offered to be the backup moving forward.
- f) ACC informational day- Herman gave an update – the morning session discussion talked about collaboration with each other and not to compete as ACCs. Talked about the demographics and that they are available on the diocesan website. They discussed using this information for marketing. Something else discussed was that the diocese doesn't have a shortage of priests, but a surplus of parishes. There are more parishes in this area than other areas. They stressed that when you are bringing up something for discussion, you should have actual data. Knowing this information will help line up needs in our ACC. Enlarging the tent, try to be inclusive and bring more people into events and parishes. Example was to call the high school and ask who is on the choir to get new choir members. Remembering that times have changed, that things that worked in the past might not work now. One group does something quarterly, like hosting an outdoor mass. Tried to have an all-ACC choir. Suggested that personal contacts work the best when getting others to participate.

Agenda for Next Meeting

- a) Update on the Divine Mercy planning.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm by Richard Sand. The next meeting will be at 7:00pm on March 14th, 2023, at the Church of St. Mary.