

One in Faith Area Catholic Community

Meeting Minutes

Church of St. Mary, Fireside Room

March 12, 2024, at 7:00 PM

Opening Prayer

The regular meeting of the One in Faith Area Catholic Community was called to order at 7:02pm on March 12, 2024, by Lisa Wuertz.

Present

Andy Klaphake, Lisa Wuertz, Gary Feldewerd, Kristie Revering, Jean Hemker, Father Newton, Jan Herzog, Father Dan, Father Marv, Mark Meyer, Richard Sand, Char Meyer, Lilian Arnzen, Herman Lensing, Pam Pundsack, Tatum Holdvogt, Don Brang, Mark Schoenberg, Janet Dusek, Carol Inderrieden, Maureen Schaefer, and Ashley Feldewerd

Approval of Agenda - consensus approval

Consultative Discussion - Pastors

Father Marv Enneking – We had a good turnout for the Dogma of Hell book gathering, about 40 people participated. Father would be willing to lead The Joy of the Gospel if there is enough interest after lent.

Father Dan – Our First Communion mass is next weekend and will be celebrated at the 10:00AM mass on Sunday.

Father Arockiya Newton –We had our retreat last Saturday and stations of the cross.

Parish Reports

- a) St. Mary – Auction for education went well.
- b) Sacred Heart –
- c) Immaculate Conception – The addition is nearing completion, there are just a few things remaining before final inspection. The elevator isn't quite done and isn't able to be used yet.
- d) St. Rose of Lima- The St. Loretta mission group is sponsoring the annual event on April 24th. The bishop will be the and he will have an 8:30am mass in St. Rosa. Quilting is continuing in the parish.
- e) St. Michael – They have started planning Father Marv's retirement for June 30th. The spaghetti dinner is coming up on the 14th of April.
- f) St. Andrew – We celebrated catholic schools. There will be a communal penance service on the week 19th.
- g) St. John – Steak and wine was a success. Corpus Kristi celebration is coming up.

- h) Hispanic Community –

Old Business

- a. Membership and Officers – nothing to report currently.
- b. Pastoral Letter from Bishop Neary – nothing to report currently.

New Business

- a. Membership dates and terms – we need to look at who needs to be replaced, term dates were added to help determine who/when we need replacements.
- b. Review by-laws –
 1. First item on Page 2 of the by-laws under membership. Kristie asked if it makes sense to have someone sub in for just one meeting? Should we consider not having an alternate attend the meeting, it isn't worth it to have someone who isn't up to speed attend. There could possibly be some restructuring in the future, background knowledge is very helpful when making decisions. Kristie made a motion to remove the alternate from the by-laws, second by Herman, motion carries unanimously.
 2. The second item under meetings, letter G. There was discussion about whether we should leave this item in the by-laws. It was decided to leave this in the by-laws and information regarding meeting times will be put in the bulletin, this will happen a couple of weeks prior to the meeting. Any ACC member can contact Lisa to have any item added to the agenda.
 3. The third item is under meetings, letter B. There was discussion about this item and this will be changed to say: Any member of the One in Faith Area Catholic Community may request to present a topic at the OIF Pastoral Council meeting, this can involve representatives of the various groups of the Area Catholic Community, such as youth, young adults, Latino Catholics, area service organizations, our schools, or diocesan representatives, so that conversations can be informed and inclusive. Motion was made by Andy, second by Kristie. Motion carries unanimously.
- c. Invitation prayer before mass – Herman noted that there was confusion as to what parishes are included in the ACC in a mass that he attended. Herman asked if we should provide some education to parish members, possibly do this before masses. Father Dan noted that he prefers that we don't have a prayer/announcement before mass, he noted that this is a time for preparation for the mass. It was noted that we do have the information out in the communities, if people choose to find this information there are plenty of ways to do this. Minutes are available online for anyone who wishes to view them.
- d. Divine Mercy Sunday – Kristie is moving forward with planning. Jessi Kuechle will be doing the music. Kallie Mayers will be connecting with Jessi to help out with the music. CUF from Freeport will do the social afterward. The event will be from 2:00-4:00 and the social will be after that. Kristie will get the information to

- the parish office to get information out in the community announcing this. There will also be an announcement after the Palm Sunday mass. Gary talked about having a fund raiser to have some funds to support a social or event to show that we are supporting. Kristie noted that the ACC members could be available to answer questions. Everyone could contribute something to help sponsor this.
- e. Corpus Christi Sunday – this event will be on June 2nd; everyone is invited to this event. Meire Grove is planning for a 9:00am mass and a social to follow. They will have sandwiches/light lunch. The bishop will attend. They are hoping to see this grow, in the past years this has been declining. The parish is hoping to have a big event and the Meire Grove band will be there. The other parishes will cancel their mass to be able to encourage people to attend this mass.

Agenda for Next Meeting

- a. Replacement of members – this should be on the agenda later in the year.
- b. Sponsorship of the Divine Mercy Sunday event
- c.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm by Lisa Wuertz. The next meeting will be at 7:00pm on May 14th, 2024, at the Church of St. Mary.