

One in Faith Area Catholic Community

Meeting Minutes

Church of St. Mary, Fireside Room

May 14, 2024, at 7:00 PM

Opening Prayer

The regular meeting of the One in Faith Area Catholic Community was called to order at 7:04pm on May 14, 2024, by Lisa Wuertz.

Present

Andy Klaphake, Rosa Ramirez, Lisa Wuertz, Gary Feldewerd, Amy Hoeschen, Jean Hemker, Father Newton, Jan Herzog, Father Marv, Richard Sand, Char Meyer, Lilian Arnzen, Herman Lensing, Pam Pundsack, Tatum Holdvogt, Don Brang, Carol Inderrieden, Maureen Schaefer, and Ashley Feldewerd

Approval of Agenda - consensus approval

Consultative Discussion - Pastors

Father Marv Enneking – First Communion and Confirmation celebrations were great and have all concluded. Father Marv and Father Newton are feeling more at home in the rectory.

Father Dan –.

Father Arockiya Newton – They had 18 kids for First Communion for the Hispanic mass. The Hispanic community will be hosting a Pentecost vigil celebration on Saturday.

Parish Reports

- a) St. Mary – Mass will be at 11:00 in Melrose for graduation this upcoming weekend. St. Mary will host a retirement celebration on June 23rd for Father Marv.
- b) Sacred Heart – First Communion went well. Sacred Heart just had new windows installed in the basement and the sacristy. School is wrapping up and all the open positions have been filled. The school is also adding a toddler center this fall with a cap at 14 children for this upcoming year. This program is 5 days a week and year-round. There will be a celebration for Sr. Janine and mass with Bishop Neary on May 22nd. She is the last Sister teaching in the St. Cloud Diocese.
- c) Immaculate Conception – The parish is gearing up for the summer raffle that will be Saturday, June 8th. This will include kid's games, cake walk, and a polka mass. Hoping this will be a good community event. They hosted their first community

get together in the new addition of doughnuts and juice. The 19th of October there will be a blessing of new additions by Bishop Neary.

- d) St. Rose of Lima – St. Loretta’s mission group hosted the diocese gathering, this went well and included mass with Bishop Neary and several other priests. The cash raffle will be coming up soon, they have done well with this in the past. Graduations masses will be coming up.
- e) St. Michael – The tractor blessing was a couple of weeks ago, about 45 tractors were present for this blessing. This was a nice community event and was enjoyed by all. The parish is working on Father’s retirement celebration that is planned to be held on June 30th.
- f) St. Andrew – The parish is working on planning Barley Days now, that is the next event coming up. This will be held the first weekend in August and will be the 75th year for this celebration.
- g) St. John – Bishop Neary was with us for mass and Grandparents Day. Bishop Neary played bingo with the kids and won. They had bingo and a bake sale, this event is now taking the place of the spring chicken dinner. Corpus Christi is coming up, there will be an insert in the bulletin for this event that will include all the details. They would like a lot of children to be part of the procession with Bishop Neary. The children are welcome to bring flower pedals and sprinkle them down the aisle. This event is taking place on June 2nd.
- h) Hispanic Community – They are hosting a Pentecost vigil this Saturday.

Old Business

- a. Divine Mercy Sunday Update – This event went well – there were three priests available for two hours straight and there were always full lines. There was a social after the event, there were about 30-40 people at the social after.

New Business

- a. Replacement of membership – There was discussion on how this is going to work – it was suggested when new membership comes on the council, that they all start at the same time of the year. There was a suggestion that any member that wishes to step down should let the priest know by August. This would give the priests time to find people and those potential new members time to decide whether they want to commit to the ACC. It was also discussed that candidates should/could be invited to attend a meeting so that they know what it is and what the meetings are like. Anyone wishing to step down should notify their priest by August so that they are aware.
- b. Report Eucharistic Revival Meeting on April 12th in Albany – Herman and Amy attended this event at Seven Dolars in Albany. The keynote speaker talked about fostering a culture of what Christ wants us to live in a eucharistic world. We must take the eucharist out into the world. There are three stages of being coming eucharistic people. Remember God’s sacrifice at the mass. We all need time to behold the hidden presence of the eucharist and adore him. This is not a passive participation; we need to evangelize. We need to show and live Christ. This event

- included four breakout sessions. Creating space by maintaining healthy boundaries was one of the sessions. The eucharistic in another culture makes us more attuned to the entire world. There is also a book that you could read, *Becoming Eucharistic People*. Dr. Tim O'Mally was the speaker, and the event was full.
- c. Status Update on priest assignments from the Diocese – The official letter from Bishop Neary should be coming this week. We should know before Pentecost what the decision will be.
 - d. Possible ACC Project might be a play – it was suggested that sometime in the next year that the 7 parishes would come together and consider putting on the play - *A Man for All Seasons*. First have a meeting to see if there is more interest. It was decided that Herman would pursue this idea.
 - e. Discuss Mass Times – this has been tabled until the next meeting.

Agenda for Next Meeting

- f. Discuss Mass Times – July or September meeting
- a. Follow up on play progress

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm by Lisa Wuertz. The next meeting will be at 7:00pm on July 9th, 2024, at the Church of St. Mary.