

# **One in Faith Area Catholic Community**

## **Meeting Minutes**

Church of St. Mary, Fireside Room

September 10, 2024, 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 September 10, 2024, by Lisa Wuertz.

### **Present**

Kristie Revering, Jean Hemker, Richard Sand, Tatum Holdvogt, Jan Herzog, Lillian Arnzen, Lisa Wuertz, Mark Schoenberg, Herman Lensing, Carol Inderrieden, Marvin Meyer, Father Mitch, Father Oswaldo, Father Dan, Amy Hoeschen

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

### **Consultative Discussion - Pastors**

Father Mitch Bechtold – Fr. Mitch gave pricing for an ACC website through CTK the company he used at his former assignment. Set up costs \$2,800 + \$40/month maintenance fee. Options would be to keep the current format with 2 websites or move to an ACC website. Things to consider: do you want one landing page that you can then proceed to the individual church information from there? Dynamic style with lots of movement through CTK or more like Sauk Centre ACC website? The pastors will bring this to the finance council and then decide from there what the next step is. Facebook: do we want one or the Tri-Parish or individual parish sites. There was interest in having an ACC page, so you only had one page to follow vs. several. Evangelist: this is a push notification program that the Melrose area parishes have signed up for. They can send messages through cellphones or emails. Logo and ACC Name: the current logo is nice but hard to use for marketing. The current ACC name is confusing for many as it was the Melrose area parishes name prior to the ACC. Discussion was had on this and will be brought to the next meeting.

Father Dan – nothing currently

Father Oswaldo – nothing currently

### **Parish Reports**

- a) St. Mary – Hispanic event will be held September 13 at Lulu's from 5-10pm as a fundraiser for the Hispanic ministries. Addition of the dining hall is on hold for 2 years due to the diocesan freeze on building for 2 years.

- b) Sacred Heart – School started. Added a toddler center. There are over 160 kids at the school. Construction projects will wrap up this Fall. Church basement and sacristy window replacement is complete. Faith Formation will kick off with a Mass Wednesday night and Confirmation will be on October 12 at 7pm in New Munich
- c) Immaculate Conception – Bishop Patrick will be out to celebrate Mass and bless the new addition on October 19. Theology on Tap will take place on October 22 at 7pm at the Freeport Community Center. The topic for the evening will be “The Real Presence”. Fall Harvest Supper will be on November 23.
- d) St. Rose of Lima – The Fall Festival was a great success. Cash Raffle sold out. Feast of St. Rose of Lima took place on August 23 with a Mass and social to follow.
- e) St. Michael – St Michael Feast Day Celebration will be on September 29 with Mass and activities to follow. Looking into repairing the stain glass windows.
- f) St. Andrew – Barley Days numbers are not in. They had to move the Polka Mass indoors after the homily due to a lightning storm.
- g) St. John – 100-year celebration of the church building will take place on October 6 with the abbot from St. John’s presiding. Potato Pancake Supper will take place on October 20. Fire in Meire Grove displaced a Hispanic family. It was great to see how the community rallied around them.
- h) Hispanic Community – See St. Mary’s report.

### **Old Business**

- a. Play Progress –there will be script and royalty expenses. A minimum of 14 scripts needs to be purchased. Royalties are determined by the prices and seating capacity of the venue. Location TBD. Casting begins in January with production in March.

### **New Business**

- a) Change meeting frequency to quarterly. Motion made by Lillian and seconded by Carol. Motion passed. Changes to the by-law will be made. Meetings will be held in November, February, May and August.
- b) New members to start in January as a replacement for outgoing members. The pastors are aware of who needs to be replaced and will work on filling these roles.
- c) Rotation of meeting location. After discussion it was decided to hold all meetings at St. Mary’s
- d) ACC newspaper column or radio spot to our ACC’s evangelization and informing efforts. The idea was brought up to reach out to all people but especially the elderly through newspaper and radio (KASM). Ideas and costs will be investigated and brought to the next meeting.
- e) Publish list of ACC reps on each of the parish websites and annually put an insert in the bulletin. Fr. Mitch will work on a bulletin insert layout.
- f) Polka Masses. Concern was brought up that they are starting to seem more like a fundraiser than a liturgy. Care needs to be taken to ensure location and how it can be interpreted.

- g) ACC Adult formation-these events have been of interest across the ACC. The idea was brought up to possibly host an event in each of the parishes and offer a short church tour with them. Theology on Tap will continue. See Immaculate Conception for more information.

**Agenda for Next Meeting**

- a. Social media: Website, Facebook, etc.
- b. ACC name and logo
- c. Play progress
- d. ACC newspaper column and radio spot
- e. Published list of ACC reps
- f. Adult Faith Formation opportunities

Meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm by Lisa Wuertz. The next meeting will be at 7:00pm on November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at the Church of St. Mary.