

Area Catholic Comm. Minutes from July 9 2019, 7:00 p.m.
held at St. James Catholic Church, Randall,

Chair: Bill Kuesel

Attendees: Fr. Ben K and Fr. Jimmy J.; Fr. Mark Botzet

St. Stanislaus, Sobieski:	Joyce Borash, Michael Retka;
Holy Family, Belle Prairie:	Darrell Welle, Jessica Brigman
LOL, Little Falls:	Joe LaForce, Kaitlin Pohland
Sacred Heart, Flensburg:	Jim Carlson, Carol Merten
St. James, Randall:	Gail Johnson, Bill Kuesel
St. Mary's, Little Falls:	Brigid Fitzgerald, Jon Radermacher
MOL School:	Mary Sowada, Asst. Principal

Opening Prayer led by Fr. Ben

Review of Minutes from June 26th meeting. Corrections made.

Motion, Second, Passed. (Carol Merton, Jim Carlson) to accept minutes as corrected.

Everyone, bring a name card! Till we get to know each other.

Self-Introduction of members attending for first time: Joe LaForce, Jon Radermacher, Mary Jo Backowski (secretary for tri-parish), Jessica Brigman, and Fr. Mark Botzet.

Seven Elements of a Vibrant Area: Review of comments from each of the 6 parishes
Note that the parishes each hold similar worship services so discussion centered on what is unique. The parish staff will be asked to provide written info on daily, holiday and weekend Masses, special Masses during festivals, deer hunting, remembrance Masses, Spanish Masses, reconciliation times, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Adoration (times, etc.) Seder meals

WORSHIP: Beyond worship schedules each parish trains those involved in sacraments (lectors, servers, Eucharistic ministers, musicians, youth choirs, ushers, greeters, etc.) There are Masses for the school children also.

COMMUNITY:

School: students from all parishes and outside the cluster. Goal to be more involved in tri of Sobieski, Flensburg, Randall. An example, during Catholic Schools week: get students from EACH parish to speak and give testimonials. Marathon- the same. Open House goes over well should share well. Evening for Education is well attended and brings in many communities. Idea go to sponsoring parish for masses. Grandparents Day.

Keep in mind we are not competing with each other as parishes in what we do; we are sharing our stories and actions to help us understand the flavor of each parish and to get to know each other.

Our Goal is how to work together to foster/apprentice new volunteers in certain areas. Work it into possible goals - how to make people feel valued: new and seasoned volunteers of the parishes. Be intentional in how we deal with this. Mentorship program. Capture this as a way to unite us: integrate the young members/new members with seasoned members.

Ideas suggested: Look at how each parish starts a Mass: such as saying "welcome to the 'area catholic community' rather than tri parish'. Maybe wait to see if there is a decision for a name for this ACC.

Parishes have bazaars at various times, most in Summer but some winter, breakfasts on special dates, social gatherings with food, food ministry to funerals, volunteer recognition events, coffee and rolls/donuts, welcome for new members, bingo, soup supper, Mardi Gras, Catholic Classic golf, Christian Mothers, quilt ministry,

Next meeting of the ACC will cover: SERVICE

Communication: Michael Retka discussed what is currently in place

Website: Jessie Waldock is for LF and Michael Retka for tri parish of Randall, Sobieski and Flensburg

FB: Melissa Peterson for LF faith community; Marissa Murphy does this for Randall, Flensburg and Sobieski

July 28, the list with photos of members of ACC will go into bulletin.

IDEAS:

Calendar to put in bulletin for significant dates, events, magnets?

Community service project for 6 parish as a unit.

Raise \$ as 6 parish for specific cause.

NEXT MEETING: July 31, 2019. 7 pm. Randall