

ACC MEETING MINUTES
7:00 p.m., Thurs. Oct. 24, 2019. Holy Family Gathering Space

1. Call to order by Bill Kuesel, Chair..

2. Prayer: led by Fr. Ben

3. ATTENDANCE:

Fr. Ben K and Fr. Jimmy J, Fr. Mark Botzet

St. Stanislaus, Sobieski: Joyce Borash, Michael Retka;

Holy Family, Belle Prairie: Darrell Welle

OLOL, 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

MOL School:

Absent: Jon Radermacher (St. Mary's), Mary Sowada, MOLE

4. Review of Minutes from 2019.10.10 Meeting: M/S/P(Carol, Jim)

5. Approval of the agenda: M/S/P (Darrel, Gail)

6. **Old Business:**

a. Recap of 2019.10.14 Mass and information night. Good turnout (160), overall comments are positive, transparency appreciated by parishioners. Fr. Jimmy's Mass and homily set the tone of community. Fr. Ben's comments were very thorough; All questions submitted have been typed and shared with this committee. **Concern** that time of meeting resulted in few young families attending; needs to be mindful of how to support involvement of young families and young adults. **Suggestions** for future Information sessions held for parishioners: (1) have one representative for ACC committee speak rather than many; (2) be open, ask "who is scared by this process" and "who is ready to move forward?" or variation of those. **Suggestion** from parishioner - to involve more people in the process, have terms for ACC reps.

Discussion of the cost of hosting the information nights: Decision that each parish would address the issue themselves.

b. Breakfast for Seminarian on November 3, St. James in Randall

Set up Sat Nov 2 at 3 pm - still need helpers. Come if you can.

Sunday volunteers come at 8 am (serving at 10-1) - need more volunteers.

Funds raised go to establish Scholarship fund (1/2) and 1/2 to a Seminarian. **Donation checks** can be made out to St. James Church, memo line to read Seminarian Fund.

Cost: Free Will offering.

7. **New Business:**

A. Prioritize goals for the next five ACC planning meetings so we are on track for submission of our report to the Diocese.

The following are five goals the committee deems most important and will work to flush out, the numbering does not signify importance.

1. **YOUNG ADULT/YOUTH MINISTRY/RELIGIOUS ED/FORMATION**

2. **NAME FOR ACC** - RIVERS OF HOPE; RIVERS OF FAITH; FLOWING RIVERS; FONT OF LIFE. - WILL VOTE AT NEXT MEETING.

3. **WORSHIP AND SACRAMENTS** which could include the following:

Schedules for weekly, weekend, major holydays; standardizing liturgist, sacristans, sacramental prep, use of deacons/priests/laity, common worship aids, licensing issues.

4. **COMMUNICATIONS, STEWARDSHIP AND OPERATIONS** which could encompass:

Review of envelope, collections, joint purchasing, sharing expenses, staff usage, bulletin & communication/elec.sites, councils, committees, developing common calendar, pastoral residences, standarization of software for cemeteries/financial/phone lines.

5. WELCOMING AND HOSPITALITY

Festivals, develop new 6-parish common actions/events;OUTREACH tohomebound, ill, inactive, all areas covered by social concerns.

B. Pick one major goal for next meeting based on retaining our focus on our mission: Jesus Christ.

3. Goal for discussion: **YOUNG ADULT/YOUTH MINISTRY/RELIGIOUS ED/FORMATION**
Idea is to identify specific areas of concern, process for gathering information to address each concern, ways to obtain feedback from the young families and young adults for any concern found/idea suggested for future work develop a process with a clear time line to include in overall plan submitted to the diocese.

ACTION BEFORE NEXT MEETING: Each ACC committee member will spend time noting questions and ideas for discussion (ie.,do we need info from Rel. Ed program?what type of info). Remind ourselves to keep focused on young Catholic adults.

There is a First Monday Mass coming up. Fr. Jimmy and Fr. Ben will share with families update of ACC committee - including the general goals we have identified.
Come to vote on a name for ACC.

6. Update from Communications liaison: Michael Retka is talking/meeting with Jessie.

7. Questions of the Committee: None.

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 7, 2019, 7 PM. St. Mary's parish. Notification of specific room will be emailed to committee members.

All 6 parishes councils and their ACC representatives will be invited to a meeting 7 pm November 26th in basement of St. Mary's church; information on formal stewardship program the basis of the book 'Gifted and Giving'.

ADJOURNED.
Closing Prayer recited.

Submitted by Brigid Fitzgerald, Secretary