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**Haven of Mercy Area Catholic Community**

Thursday, January 30, 2020, 7 PM

St. James Parish Hall, Little Falls

**MINUTES**

**NEXT MEETING: 7 pm, Thursday, MARCH 12, 2020, ST. STANISLAUS CHURCH , SOBIESKI**

**1. Regular Business:**

1. Call to order: Fr. Ben

2. Prayer: Fr. Ben

3. Attendance: Fr. Ben K and Fr. Jimmy J and Fr. Mark Botzet

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

Holy Family, Belle Prairie: Darrell Welle,

LOLO, Little Falls: Joe LaForce, Kaitlin Pohland

Sacred Heart, Flensburg: Carol Merten, Jim Carlson

St. James, Randall: Gail Johnson

St. Mary's, Little Falls: Brigid Fitzgerald, Jon Radermacher

MOL School: Mary Sowada

**Not in attendance:** Bill Kuesel, St. James, Jon Radermacher, St. Mary's

4. Review of Minutes of Dec. 19 meeting. The minutes included all information which was submitted to the diocese, however, did not include projected dates for completion of each goal. All this information has been shared with parishes. M/S/P to approve the minutes. (Joe, Gail)

5. Approval of the agenda: M/S/P (Carol, Darrell)

**2. Old Business:**

1. Decision: first Monday of Month Mass should continue to be used to share Haven of Mercy ACC information, as needed. In the future we should broadcast the topics to be discussed at the ACC committee meetings so those interested (ie, parishioners, employees, parish committees) can attend to listen.

2. Goal of Youth Involvement: DRE's will be directed to meet; we will invite a youth member to attend parish council as non voting member. The youth will be liason to take information of what council is discussing, back to parish youth. The Youth Minister, Tony Miller, will be made aware so he can work with parish youth. The youth representative will have the position for one year ( this is 4-5 meetings). Fr. Ben and Fr. Jimmy will seek 2 youth from each parish. They will also check in with other pastors to see how other parishes involve youth on the councils.

The next two goals under Youth will be part of the DRE meetings- youth involvement, space needs and Theology of the Body. The DREs from all 6 parishes will be directed to meet together at least twice prior to the next ACC meeting.

We are inviting the DREs to come to the next ACC meeting.

### 3. New Business:

1. Community Reaction. There are some reverberations in parishes to our work. Some express concern we are moving too fast, others excited and want to see concrete steps that we are moving forward. Throughout we continue to need to remind ourselves and the parishes that while we have goals and time lines, these are outlines and we can adjust timelines or add more goals if we find either is necessary.

Questions for our Committee: How can we as ACC assist our faith communities to transition well with the goals and dates proposed? How can we all turn to prayer for discernment, use rituals to implement change, address grieving by all of us and all parishes, how do we train pastors and staff who also have to adjust to any changes, and/or how could we use outside sources for mediating any significant concerns/disagreements that could possibly crop up when changes are implemented and who would we ask to assist?

IDEAS:to help create a Haven of Mercy Community of Catholics

a. Encourage Perpetual Adoration during Lent 2020, to be in JPll chapel. With idea that in future years during Lent this would travel throughout the 6 parishes. (**Add this as a GOAL under WORSHIP and SARAMENT .**

**This will be added with discussion and a date of November 2020 to start planning.**

b. Add a few Monday Prayer nights during Lent 2020.

c. Consider a traveling outdoor Mass during summer ( ie, at a parish farm)

d. Priests swap pulpits - all liked this idea that priests celebrate Mass at various churches in Haven of Mercy ACC. This way all parishioners get to know our priests and they the other parishes.

### FOLLOW UP MOTIONS:

A. M/S/P (Joe, Darrell) **For Lent 2020 6 parishes will prayerfully strive to have 24/7 Adoration for Haven of Mercy ACC Community using the JPll center, will send invites out to the parishes in the next week in order to fill time slots.**

Discussion following: this will announced at Masses, signups at the churches next week. Helpful to have people there to assist with sign up. Get bulletin blurbs, handouts. Currently, Marlene Knopik and Sally Greene coordinate the Adoration at JPll.

**B. M/S/P ( Mike, Kaitlin) We shall add a travelling Adoration event beginning in Lent 2021 for the Haven of Mercy ACC community, planning to begin mid November 2020 and planning finalized by January 1, 2021.**

**C. M/S/P () There will be 3 Monday night prayer opportunities in 2020 with changing locations throughout the Haven of Mercy ACC which may incorporate Divine Mercy Chaplet, Adoration and Song.**

D. Petitions. Fr. Jimmy wrote a few lovely petitions based on the ACC goals and process - which shall be rotated and used at weekend Masses each week, all year long. This is a reminder to all parishioners that we are all one community of Catholics.

4. Update from Communications liaison: Brigid will get corrected minutes from November and December minutes to Michael to be placed online and in parishes. (The Dec. 17, 2019 minutes will come from Kaitlin or Fr. Ben as Brigid was not present.)

Feedback: will discuss at upcoming meeting.

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY MARCH 12, 2020 IN BASEMENT OF ST. STANISLAUS CHURCH, SOBIESKI. 7 PM.

Agenda for next meeting is discussion of Youth piece, Adoration, Bishops approval of our plans and review, ideas for reaching out to young mothers which is supported by our Bishop.

Adjourned  
Prayer

Submitted by Brigid Fitzgerald