

Approved 2021.1.21

Haven of Mercy ACC Meeting  
Thursday, November 19 at 7 PM  
St. Mary's Church Basement (and via zoom)

**MINUTES**

- I. Call to Order: Chairman: Bill Kuesel; Vice Chairman: Jim Carlson; Secretary: Brigid Fitzgerald; Communications: Michael Retka; Due to geographic distances, the meeting was chaired by Joe LaForce.
- A. Prayer: Fr. Jimmy
- B. Roll Call  
Fr. Ben, Fr. Jimmy, Fr. Botzet
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| St. Stanislaus, Sobieski:  | Joyce Borash, Michael Retka  |
| Holy Family, Belle Prairie | Darrell Welle  |
| LOLO, Little Falls         | Joe LaForce, Kaitlin Pohland(absent)   |
| Sacred Heart, Flensburg    | Carol Merten, Jim Carlson(both absent)   |
| St. James, Randall         | Bill Kuesel, Gail Johnson  |
| St. Mary's, Little Falls   | Brigid Fitzgerald, Jon Rademacher(absent)<br>(Jon may have to excuse himself from further participation) |
| MOL School                 | Mary Sowada  |

Routine Business:

- A. Approve minutes from previous meeting-motion to accept with Change to read Minutes not Agenda. Motion by Darrell and second by Mary, passed.
- B. Approval of agenda – Motion by Mike, Joyce seconded, passed.
- II. Old Business:
- A. Updates:
1. Bulletin Changes: Michael reports we need 1.5 months to make changes and Fr. Ben and Fr. Jimmy to decide who to be designer/coordinator person in charge. This will be brought back at next meeting with possibility of Mary Jo as candidate. Likely need 5 work hours per week.
  2. Welcome message at Masses: Michael Retka -ACC reference is now included.
  3. Petitions for Mass -new ones with ACC reference are being used.
  4. Job Descriptions: Mary Sowada – met once – still working on condensing descriptions for all. Another meeting in 2 weeks.
  5. Pulpit Swap with Fr. Ben and Fr. Jimmy: they will attempt to schedule one before Christmas but given the reduced numbers in church at this time, the timing may change.
  6. Haven of Mercy Advent retreat: Brigid Fitzgerald this is going forward, Mike Retka indicated he can assist with video. Schedule is made up, announcements will be put on fb, bulletins, etc. it will be on website and fb so can be viewed at any time.
  7. Communicate to parishes about ACC: Fr. Ben this is moving forward. We should send by flocknote and announce that will be on fb, and hard copies at office.

- B. Anything we can have the diocese help us with? Maybe we ask them to sit in a meeting to consider what they think we could use. Ask for assistance with proceeding toward a common council. More discussion, directed by diocese, regarding financials in this process.

### III. New Business:

- A. Holiday Schedule: Tri Parish schedule thus far: Christmas Eve 2 – 4pm masses(SM will be on KLTF), 2- 6 pm Masses(SM, OLOL), 7:30 pm at HF, 10 pm OLOL(and on WYRQ FM radio) and then Christmas Day 8:30am, 10:30 am at OLOL and a 9 am at SM and 10 HF.
- B. Maybe consider staggering with a Mass at 3:30 pm Christmas Eve, so that if it fills up, we can suggest they go to the 4 pm Mass at the other churches. Consider a Spanish Mass.  
Fr. Jimmy in past did one Mass in each parish, this year he is having 2 in each : 2at -4 pm ( Sobieski and Randall) 6 pm Flensburg, 12 midnight in Latin Flensburg, 8:30 Sobieski, 10 am Flensburg in Latin, 10:30am Randall.

Fr.. Ben and Fr. Jimmy will finalize the schedule and will start the process of sharing with our parish communities.

- C. An Idea for Assigning tasks/goals and tracking: Fr. Ben. Important to track what is being done. Committee agrees it makes sense to use this. Add this to Old Business on Agenda each meeting. Fr. Ben will give access to this spreadsheet so all can review and revise as needed.  
**Brigid will send out group email that seeks names from our ACC members of parishioners who they think to head up each area of goals in our plan. ( Ie, ReEd.) goal is to get a good list of names to be on sub committees.**
- D. Are there a few more goals we can pick to move forward on? Or assign some subcommittees: ACC Committee – already in discussion.
- E. Review of suggestions in suggestion boxes in churches: ACC committee Remember to look in Suggestion Box. Randall had one – is pastoral care toward Hispanics in our community being considered as part of our plan? Likely it would be included in Welcoming and Hospitality – unless it was decided to have a separate goal for this. How do we show we believe this is something to be included.? Include it in our goals, in writing, specific to our Hispanic Community. Maybe titling it “Reaching out to People on the Fringes”, including Hispanic. Does it also include non Catholic immigrants? Add to December Agenda. Gail will contact Deacon Bruce, Fr. Tim Wenzel -ACC wants to make them welcome, are there ideas coming from them, what would Hispanics be comfortable with. Also speak with Diocese as to what we can do.(Mayuli Bayles is her name )  
Can a Statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe be added to show our commitment.
- F. Mission Statement for ACC: Can we form one? Tabled for Tonight will bring it back. Ask everyone to review the draft options Deacon Jeff sent us.

IV. Communications from communication liaison: Michael Retka – spoke with Jessie Waldoch – need of website for ACC. Maybe a landing site to point to various churches. – there likely would be a cost involved. No quilt bingo for Sobieski and OLOL; maybe a joint effort among parishes, for an online quilt auction.

V. Questions of the committee

VI. Adjournment

Prayer: Fr. Botzet

NEXT MEETING; THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2020. 7 PM, OLOL AND ZOOM

Submitted by Secretary: Brigid Fitzgerald