

Approved February 18, 2020

Minutes ACC Meeting
Thursday, January 21, 2021
7 PM (Via Zoom)

Next Meeting: THURSDAY , FEBRUARY 18, 2021 TBD: IN PERSON OR ZOOM

I. Routine Business:

- A. Call to Order: Bill Kuesel
- B. Prayer: Fr. Ben
- C. Role Call: Fr. Ben, Fr. Jimmy, Fr. Botzet
St. Stanislaus, Sobieski: Joyce Borash, Michael Retka
Holy Family, Belle Prairie: Darrell Welle
OLOL, Little Falls: Joe LaForce, Kaitlin Pohland
Sacred Heart, Flensburg: Carol Merten, Jim Carlson(absent)
St. James, Randall: Bill Kuesel, Gail Johnson
St. Mary's, Little Falls: Brigid Fitzgerald
MOL School: Mary Sowada
Guest: Mary Jo Backowski, Randall
- D. Motion to Approve Nov. 19, 2020 meeting Minutes (Darrell, Bill M/S/P)
- E. Motion to Approve Agenda (Joe, Gail M/S/P)

II. Old Business:

- A. Designing of the Bulletin- tabled and Fr. Jimmy and Fr. Ben will get together to discuss who might do this.
- B. Pulpit Swap – Time was complicated in December so this could not be accomplished. They will attempt this in early to mid- February, prior to Lent.
- C. Communication about ACC – Newsletter is going out beginning of February in Tri Parish with focus on stewardship will include updates on ACC through Christmas of 2020 (goals, names, etc.) . Will be posted on FB and Bulletin. Fr. Jimmy will use same document covering the ACC information which will be included in his year end statement/letter to his parishioners.
- D. Working with our Diocese – remember there are personnel resources through the Diocese we can use in our process. Suggestion made to consider waiting until we can meet in person.
- E. Hispanic Ministry – Gail reported Fr. Wenzel indicates Mass continues. She also contacted larger farms in area who indicated many of their workers go to Long Prairie for Mass; she obtained name and contact for other possible farms . This information can be used for sending newsletters from ACC, more inclusion of Hispanic in area.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Statute –past meetings suggestion was made to consider obtaining a statute to Our Lady.Update – there is a window in the Holy Family Church was has Our Lady of Guadalupe. The statue suggestion will be tabled for now.

III. New Business:

- A. Goals/Tracking: Fr. Ben showed a spreadsheet we agreed would be helpful to track work on our goals. It is a google Doc which allows each ACC member or parishioner working on a ACC goal to update accomplishments., with a timeline. First task is for ACC members to select goals they will work on and also for ACC members to suggest names of parishioners who could work on specific goals. TO DO: Fr. Ben will send the spreadsheet out to all of us. We will respond to BRIGID (brigidmfitzgerald@gmail.com) with names – prior Wednesday Feb. 17 (next ACC meeting is Feb. 18). Full ACC will discuss more at next meeting.
- B. Religious Education – We want to develop RE programs that can be used/implemented in all 6 parishes going forward. Fr. Ben and Mary will schedule and meet with DREs for all 6 parishes in February. The idea to use more family based RE program and possibly Theology of the Body by older kids, can be discussed between Fr. Jimmy, Fr. Ben and DREs (Kelly Brinkman, St. James and Marsha Krebs are contacts for the three parishes of Fr. Jimmy.) LF and Sobieski currently use a form of Ham Lake model. LF Middle School is using ALPHA program which is a discussion model, it is done via Zoom now but it will be live when it can be. As with everything this past year, the inability to meet in person has and does affect the growth of our RE programs.
- C. Lenten Retreat for the ACC: Pope Francis has announced this year is Consecrated to St. Joseph. LF parishes recently committed to buying 500 books (\$9 ea – donations will be requested)) for parishioners to participate in a 33 day individual journey beginning Feb. 15 and culminating in March on the Solemnity of St. Joseph. Fr. Jimmy's parishes will be receiving a devotional card with their year end letter/statement as well as homily devoted to St. Joseph . Discussion of ways to make this an ACC program – joint Mass.

In addition it was agreed that Lenten videos along determined topics would be done each week in Lent, as was done in Advent – shared with the ACC. **TO DO: to ensure all can participate, each speaker will be asked to have transcription of their talk which could be sent to those not electronically connected in each parish. Fact that transcription will be available should be announced. Note who will send it out.** <https://slmedia.org/blog/pope-francis-announces-the-year-of-st-joseph><https://slmedia.org/blog/pope-francis-announces-the-year-of-st-joseph>

- D. Assigning subcommittees to different goals – set for discussion next meeting.
- E. Suggestion Box: Michael Retka : 1)Wish to have a priest live in parishhouse at rural parishes. 2) Some are concerned with shortening of parish name to St. Stan's rather than using St. Stanislaus. 3) Holy Family: a few requests that Sat. night Mass time be earlier, however, it is at 8 pm to accommodate farm families. Likely we need to leave schedule as is for now.

TO DO: Suggestions Boxes need to be where parishioners can access them. And reminders put in bulletins and announcements of where they are and that we seek suggestions from our members.

- F. Mission Statement- deferred to next meeting.
- G. Logo Contest. Mike and Joe developed specifics for logo contest. They will finalize and send out to ACC committee. We have 3 days to respond with suggested changes. Agreement that each parish will donate \$10 so that the winner will receive \$60.00 cash prize. Begin date is Feb. 14, end date is March 14. Committee will schedule a short ACC meeting for selection of the winner.

- IV. Communications: Michael Retka
- V. Questions: ACC Committee How did Masses go for Christmas? Okay but fewer than expected at Masses. Will look at how pandemic and limitations look closer to Easter and adjust as needed through the ACC.
- VI. Adjournment (Darrell, Carol) M/S/P

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Submitted by Brigid Fitzgerald, Secretary