

Approved at March 25th , 2021 meeting

Haven of Mercy ACC Meeting

(via zoom)

Minutes

Next Meeting: Thursday March 18, 2021

- I. Call to Order: Chairman: Bill Kuesel
Members: Parishes: St. James, Holy Family, St. Mary's, Our Lady of Lourdes, Sacred Heart, St. Stanislaus
Vice Chairman: Jim Carlson; Secretary: Brigid Fitzgerald; Communications: Michael Retka

- A. Prayer: Fr. Ben

- B. Roll 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(withdrew)

- Sacred Heart, Flensburg

- Carol Merten(withdrew), Jim Carlson(withdrew)

- St. James, Randall

- Bill Kuesel, Gail Johnson(absent)

- St. Mary's, Little Falls

- Brigid Fitzgerald, Jon Radermacher (withdrew)

- MOL School

- Mary Sowada

- Guest: Mary Jo Backowski, Randall

- II. Routine Business:

- A. Approve minutes from Thursday, January 21 2021 M/S/Passed – Darrell, Joyce

- B. Approval of agenda M/S/Passed – Mary, Darrell

- III. Old Business:

- A. Lenten Retreat: Short talk each week – The 3 priests, 3 deacons and maybe Fr. Maciej will do these- theme will be the Eucharist shared via flocknote, website

- B. Discussion: Fr. Ben and Mary Sowada will talk with all DRE's of 6 parishes to talk about Theology of the Body curriculum and family-based religious education- now that Catholic Schools week is over, work will progress with this.

- C. Job descriptions -Fr. Ben spoke with his staff asking to share insights, (maybe seek neutral from outside to speak with all staff from 6 parishes) This will be done first prior to ACC discussing future administrative structure.

- IV. New Business:

- A. Developing a job description for new youth minister 5th through high school –ACC will make recommendation that youth minister support all 6 parishes, to be funded by 6 parishes proportionately as determined by pastors (one suggestion being dividing by number of parish families donating \$100 or more; or number of families per parish or total parishioners per parish. Mike will search for the data. Brigid will contact diocese for a potential job description and questions to ask. Mike and Brigid will report back to Fr. Jimmy and Fr. Ben

within 2 weeks of today. Discussion will continue at next meeting. Job will be posted and there may be interested people in the ACC committee. Fr. Botzet spoke with youth in confirmation classes. The kids want a simple events, for fun, fellowship and a little scripture on the side. Maybe rotate communities where events held, especially this summer. Kids are willing to drive.

Maybe this summer we try to have volunteers run a few simple youth nights, such as Jackie Retka and Melissa Peterson. Volunteers need to complete Diocesan Safety requirements.

Is Steubenville a possibility this year.

- B. Opportunities for youth to participate in liturgy and Pastoral Council- we will first work on Youth Minister and hopefully we will move forward once YM is in place.
 - C. Determining space needs for youth events – Need to concentrate on YM.
 - D. Asking new members for ACC Council – replacements needed for Kaitlin OLOL; Jon St. Mary's, Jim Carlson and Carol Merton, Flensburg Sacred Heart and one for Holy Family. You can send suggestions to Pastors. Pastors will make the contacts.
 - E. Investigating the Alpha Program for use in parishes-Alpha Program getting mixed reviews with families. For adults who are returning to the faith community there is possibility of parishes putting on fellowship and faith event (adult Alpha Program) this is a great idea but due to pandemic we have to put on hold. We can and should return to this idea when things really open up.
 - F. An Idea for Assigning tasks/goals and tracking: Fr. Ben shared by email tonight with us.
 - G. Are there a few more goals we can pick to move forward on? Or assign some subcommittees: ACC Committee
 - H. Review of suggestions in suggestion boxes in churches: Mike will see that a note is placed in bulletins as well as fb and flocknote: that there are suggestion boxes and we want to hear ideas from our parishioners.
 - I. Vacancies on ACC committee- see above.
- V. Communications from communication liaison: Michael Retka – no report
- VI. Questions of the committee: Discussion and clearing up of Minutes from March 2020 and Oct.1, 2020 meetings. They will be shared with Mike, Mary Jo , secretarial staff and Jessie W. for disbursement to parishioners. Going forward this same group will be sent the Minutes for each meeting once Approved by ACC. Parishioners thus will have ability to read Minutes in Church, from parish offices, on website, flocknote.
- VII. Next Meeting: Thursday March 18, 2020.**
- VIII. Adjourned. 8:30 pm

Submitted by Brigid Fitzgerald, Secretary