

**Four Pillars in Faith ACC Planning Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**

**Attendance:** Jackie Leveille, Kris Archibald, Chris Kotsmith, Katie Kerr, Karen Renaud, Danna Woods, Nancy Frerich, Fr. Derek Wiechmann, Amanda Peterson, Rose Ryan, Sharon Steffen, Lowell Herbst, Arlene Schumacher

Father Derek began the meeting with an opening prayer.

<b>New Business</b>
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Goals – Communications, Strengthening Staff, and Youth/Young Adults/Adult Education and their associated action steps were reviewed by father. Father Derek shared what they did at Braham, Cambridge & Isanti when he was there for youth.

Next Steps – Make the goals SMART Goals. A lot of discussion was had around different action steps that we could take related to the proposed goals.

- Communications – Karen proposed the SMART goal of: Strengthen and expand communications to all ACC members by \_\_\_% by November 2020.
  - Action steps:
    - Survey parishioners to get a baseline in order to develop a goal
    - Provide diocesan education to the communication director
    - A centralized website for our ACC with a page dedicated to each parish

Lots of ideas were thrown out around the action steps that need to be taken and what should be done next.

**Action Item:**

- ✓ Each ACC planning committee member should develop some action steps for each goal and email them to Father Derek before the next ACC planning committee meeting.

Ideas gathered by ACC committee members – Several members shared what they heard. Katie shared the feedback she received from several members from St. Mary's Mora that she emailed with. A common theme was the need for improved communication, fellowship, and youth opportunities. Positive feedback has been received by St. Louis in Foreston about the Saturday evening meals, fellowship, and that by asking individuals to help is important in order to get people involved. Religious education is difficult and there is a longing for religious education to return to St. Louis. Father shared that there seems to be a greater desire for parishioners to get engaged with the other parishes. There have been some concerns about elderly attending Mass in the evenings during the winter months when it is dark. Kris shared from St. Mary's in Milaca, parish is very friendly, strong leadership, design of the church. Addressing some of the Mass inconsistencies (bowing, holding hands during Our Father, raising hands, etc.). A desire for a youth program and youth with a survey and then there wasn't follow through. More youth participation in Masses. Chris shared that they feel blessed that St. Louis has an adoration chapel. There is a real need with the youth and in order to do that there needs to be a livable wage.

**Action Item:**

- ✓ Each ACC planning committee member should email the feedback (Strengths, Opportunities, Aspirations, Results) they gathered from parishioners to Katie Kerr who will compile all the comments.

ACC Mission Statement – The ACC will need to develop a mission statement as part of the strategic plan that is due in January.

**Action Item:**

- ✓ Each ACC planning committee member should email their mission statement ideas to Father Derek before the next ACC planning committee meeting.

Father Derek ended the meeting with a prayer.

Next meeting is scheduled for: December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:15p.m.

Location: St. Mary's Milaca