

Four Pillars in Faith ACC Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2024, at 6:00 pm

St. Mary's, Mora, MN Parish Center

Present and introductions: Father Timothy Gapinski, Amanda Peterson Administrative Assistant of St. Mary's Mora/St. Kathryn's Ogilvie, Nancy Frerich, Trustee St. Louis Bertrand Foreston, Kris Archibald, Administrative Assistant St. Mary's Milaca, Rita Olson, Faith Formation Director St. Louis Bertrand Foreston/St. Mary's Milaca, Katie Kerr ACC Chair, Rose Voss, St. Kathryn's, Rose Ryan, Trustee St. Kathryn's, Karen Renaud Trustee, St. Mary's Mora, Lee Ann King, Faith Formation Director St. Mary's Mora/St. Kathryn's Ogilvie, Jared Barse, St. Mary's Milaca, Brenda Lundberg, St. Kathryn's Ogilvie.

Not present: Curt Wojciechowski, ACC Vice Chair, St. Louis Bertrand, Jackie Leveille, ACC Parish Council Secretary/St. Mary's Milaca Trustee, Amy Udermann, Parish Associate St. Louis Bertrand Foreston.

Katie called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Opening Prayer.

Father Timothy led in prayer.

1. **Minutes approved.** Minutes from the December 3rd meeting were approved via email. Katie Kerr motioned to approve, Father Timothy seconded and all board members voted "aye" unanimously in email approval.
2. **Agenda Approved.** Motion made by Rose Ryan, seconded by Karen Renaud, to approve the agenda for the February 6, 2024 meeting, motion carried.
3. **Old Business**
 - a. Update from the committee on the February pastoral visit with Bishop Neary. Meeting with the Bishop will be Father Timothy, Karen Renaud, Nancy Frerich, Rita Olson, Lee Ann King, Kris Archibald, and Rose Ryan. Presenting for the ACC will be Father Timothy, Karen Renaud, and Rose Ryan. Begin posting minutes from the meeting on the bulletin board with the pictures at each church so they are available to parishioners.
 - b. Eucharistic Procession. Lee Ann King gave an update on the topic. Looking for volunteers and getting the word out for all the ACC. The event will be held on May 22, 2024, from 4:30 pm-5:00 pm entering Mora. More to come, an email was sent to schools, have not received any word back from the schools at this time.
 - c. Financial Planning options for parishioners. No update at this time, leave it on the agenda.
 - d. Mass times update on the change from daily Mass from 7:00 am to 8:00 am. This was discussed with conversation from each church. Some positive comments, some challenging. Follow-up conversation on the pros/cons with the committee.

4. New Business

a. Review survey results.

i: With much conversation from the committee, the presentation at the Diocese with the Bishop will be recorded and information will be provided for our parishioners in each parish. Not all comments will be published, a synopsis of the results as our parishioners need to know the outcome. If parishioners are inquiring or have concerns, they should be brought back to the committee for discussion. The committee will actively be working on the survey results.

ii: Some of the outcomes from the survey results indicated that there are parishioners in the ACC who do not know who is representing their church. Pictures will be posted in the back of each church of the leaders representing including Father Timothy, Trustees, Finance Councils, and ACC Council. All pictures should be sent to Kris Archibald at St. Mary's, Milaca by February 14, 2024, and Kris will assemble them. The website will include in alphabetical order for ACC for parishes for contacts. Please email Kris at the St. Mary's, Milaca email.

iii: The survey indicated that parishioners are more comfortable with the survey as an option to communicate how they feel that things are going in the ACC. This is being discussed to continue this on an annual basis along with the posting minutes from the ACC for the parishioners in each church for communication. Minutes from the ACC meetings will be posted. Father Timothy did include some comments in his homily. By-laws for the ACC should also be posted on the website. When there will be an ACC meeting, this should be posted a couple of weeks ahead of time so that parishioners are aware of this. Parishioners are welcome to attend, not to partake in the meetings. They can request to be on the agenda.

b. Presentation. There will be bullet points to elaborate on and if there are pictures, send them to Katie Kerr. The brochure will be provided to all present, including Bishop Neary during the presentation. Overview of the presentation discussed. Father Timothy provided needed feedback, some items to be changed. Important to note Faith Formation as Rita is handling a lifelong faith formation program as this teaches everyone. Also indicate additional groups not already mentioned, challenges, distance, and parish involvement. Once this information is updated send it to Father Timothy. Rose Ryan and Karen Renaud will do the presentation for the slideshow and our ACC with Father Timothy. Jill and Julie, our ACC Co-Chairs will also be involved and Katie will contact them with any questions. They will also meet with Katie, Rose, Karen, and Father Timothy before the Pastoral Visit.

c. Parish Subcommittee updates

St. Louis Bertrand, Foreston; provided attachment. Update on Grounds/Beautification committee many hands involved using their time/talents/treasures to accomplish things, Social Fellowship committee update this has been going very well, and adding more volunteers to the committee, Christian Women's Group update, Knight of Columbus Fish Fry's during Lent with Stations of the Cross.

St. Mary's Milaca; provided attachment. A Discernment Retreat for all ages from 7th grade and up will be held on June 11-13 welcoming 4-6 graders on the last day, St. Mary's Guild Annual Mother/Daughter Banquet on Sunday, February 25th, Divine Mercy Homebound Ministry consists of 7 people taking turns to Nursing Home and the assisted living residents. Two people go to the other assisted living in town

every Monday and do prayer time. Every Wednesday there are communion visits at the Nursing Home and Assisted Living. Currently, there are no home visits specifically.

St. Kathryn's, Ogilvie; The Second quarter parish life meeting, "Top the Tator" will be joining with the Methodist Church. Salad Luncheon in March, on 3/16/24 Butterflies/St. Patty's, St. Mary's/St. Kathryn's, quilting group meeting, Faith Formation is going well, and Soup Suppers coming up.

St. Mary's, Mora; Monthly Spring Salad Luncheon held on Friday after Easter, Knights of Columbus Fish Fries will be held on Fridays with Stations of the Cross, Tara has different group events for ACC, Steubenville, Fellowship activities for adults, Faith formation 33 Deep, Eucharistic Glory on 2/20/24 to Palm Sunday, prayer Tuesday PM/Saturday AM providing coffee/donuts prayer consecration.

d. **No other discussion topics were discussed.**

Closing Prayer

Father Timothy ended the meeting with a closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be April 9, 2024, at 6:00 pm at St. Kathryn's, Ogilvie, MN.