

Four Pillars in Faith ACC

Council Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2024 - 6:00 pm - St. Mary's Mora

Attendance: Present and introductions: Father Timothy Gapinski; Amanda Peterson Administrative Assistant, St. Mary's Mora/St. Kathryn's Ogilvie; Kris Archibald Administrative Assistant, St. Mary's Milaca; Katie Kerr ACC Chair St. Mary's, Mora; Rose Voss, St. Kathryn's; Karen Renaud, Trustee St. Mary's Mora; Jared Barse, St. Mary's Milaca; Brenda Lundberg, St. Kathryn's Ogilvie; ACC Vice Chair, St. Louis Bertrand; Jackie Leveille, ACC Pastoral Council Secretary/St. Mary, Milaca Trustee; Amy Udermann, Parish Associate St. Louis Bertrand Foreston, Nancy Frerich, Trustee St. Louis Bertrand Foreston, Rose Ryan Trustee St. Kathryn's. Absent: Curt Wojciechowski

Opening Prayer- Father Timothy

1. Minutes from June 18, 2024, meeting - motion made to approve by Brenda, seconded by Kris.

2. Agenda approved - Nancy made a motion to approve and Rose seconded.

3. Old Business

a. Plan for addressing survey results. Review of the results of ACC survey, mail and email, bulletin being the most effective way to communicate. Father addressing the bulletin. Communication and transparency. *Flock Notes* - people would need to have a computer or smartphone for *Flock Notes*. *Remind* may be a free option.

- Recommended to form a committee to address the survey issues.
- Publish finances for each parish once a month to give a more accurate picture of finances. As parishioners, we could communicate the sizable items of expenditures.
- Subcommittee formed to address communication and transparency led by Amy Udermann. Amy will contact the list of people who gave their names and numbers to see if they would like to be on the committee and what their recommendations might be.

b. Prayers changing before and after Mass. Father authored an article to share the change in the bulletin.

i. Action items

4. New Business

a. Election of ACC Pastoral Council Leadership - Term of officers runs July 1st through June 30th. Members turn over one-third each year. This year, June 30, 2024, the term

for the St. Louis Bertrand at large position of the ACC Pastoral Council concluded. Curt was selected to continue on the ACC Pastoral Council for a second term as St. Louis Bertrand's at large position officially beginning July 1, 2024. The rotation will be Milaca, Ogilvie and Mora, and St. Louis Bertrand.

Officer Elections: Chair Katie is completing her term; Jared nominated for chair, Jackie makes a motion, Katie seconds, Jared is the chair of the ACC.

Vice Chair Curt, nominated by Karen and Nancy seconds, all approved.

Secretary Jackie, nominated by Rose and Kris seconds, all in favor.

5. Parish sub-committee updates

i. St. Louis Bertrand – Nancy

Social Fellowship Committee

The socials have been going great and are in a 7-week rotation for the social committee.

Recently we had a dinner following the Mass and Blessing for the stained glass windows in St. Anne's Chapel, 100 attended. Our socials have been going great; thankful to the committee and those attending! A beautiful time to partake together and to get to know one another. All guests and parishioners are welcome to attend!

Grounds/Beautification Committee

Our committee met and still has a list of projects to complete - the cobblestone in front of the parish center and the south side of the church. In addition, we have access to the rectory and a couple of other projects we would like to complete this year.

St. Louis Christian Women

The 50th Annual Mission Bazaar is currently being planned. The date is set for Saturday, November 23, 2024, at the St. Louis Bertrand parish center. More to come. The Christian Women's meeting was held in August 2024, and they began working on the preparation of the Mission Bazaar. The next meeting for this event is in September.

Knights of Columbus

Meetings as scheduled, no other update.

St. Anne's Chapel

This is complete and looks beautiful! Thank you to Rita Olson for all the hard work spearheading this committee. The donors are appreciative to be a part of something so special. The chapel is such a beautiful place to provide comfort and peace. Thank you!

St. Mary's, Milaca – Kris

Totus Tuus was held July 21-26. There were 54 = preschool-6th graders and 34 = 7-12th graders for a total of 88 youth. On the last day for the younger grades, the Milaca Fire Department came and sprayed the kids with water from the fire truck. They loved it.

Parish Picnic – St. Mary's/St. Louis Bertrand Annual Parish Picnic will be held this Sunday, August 25 at St. Mary's, Milaca beginning with a potluck meal at noon. All are welcome.

St. Mary's, Guild – Fall Garage Sale will be held September 11, 12, and 13.

St. Mary's/St. Louis Bertrand Lifelong Faith Formation Kick-off - Wednesday, September 25.

iii. St. Mary's, Mora: - Amanda

Music- Hannah is looking for more people to join all the choir groups. She had a dinner for all the ACC Musicians not that long ago and said it was well attended and received. She hopes to do more things in the future. The Breaking Bread books have been ordered for all the parishes and will be used starting this upcoming Advent season. There is some discussion of doing another Christmas play or skit again. She has a meeting set up for Aug. 26th to discuss possible options.

Lee Ann is going to livestream the Christ Our Life Conference September 28th and 29th at St. Mary's, Mora. There is a registration fee of \$30.00 per adult ages 24 and older (conference fee not ours). Children and young adults up to 23 years old are free. More details are in the bulletin.

Family Faith Formation will have a Kick-off Festival on September 15th after the 10am Mass at St. Mary's. All families in the ACC are welcome to share in the fellowship and games.

There has been discussion about getting *Flock Notes* for the ACC to improve our communication in all ministry areas. LeeAnn has been looking into the information and presented this at our last staff meeting.

The planning committee will be meeting to discuss upcoming events and fundraisers. In place of the normal Fall Festival, St. Mary's, Mora will be having a Chicken Dinner on Sunday, October 6th following the 10am Mass. Turkey Bingo is being discussed and planned for a weekend in November. Make an Advent Wreath for your home will be the first Sunday in December, which also happens to be the first Sunday of Advent this year.

St. Mary's & St. Kathryn's Knights of Columbus are starting to have their pancake breakfast events again. They are also doing their annual summer picnic at Woodsong on Wednesday.

A group of kids from all the ACC parishes went to Steubenville in July with some young adults and chaperones. There was a lot of good feedback from those that attended.

1. iv. St. Kathryn's- Rose - Corn on the curb and Vacation Bible School, St. Mary's/ St. Kathryn's. St. Mary's/St. Kathryn's Guild will be taking donations for the Ogilvie School Backpack program and the Mora High School "Food for Friends" program.

5. Other Discussion topics:

Clergy meeting update:

The priests of the diocese met on August 8 with Bishop Neary and Partners Edge to discuss the diocesan pastoral plan. This was a preliminary meeting largely to share information on where we were, the planning process in 1999, reviewing what was done, and then beginning discussions with the priests for what the goals should be for the diocese. Current trends were discussed especially those that indicate that changes need to take place. St. Cloud Diocese is the 4th worst in the nation for priest-to-parish ratio. Discussion took place, ideas were compiled and sent back to the diocesan staff and Partners Edge to present to priests at the Clergy Conference in October.

Primary topic about structures - can we continue as we have been or do situations need to change? Bishop is putting a pause on building and/or renovations. No pause on safety issues and he did not specify the cost limitations. Father Timothy sent in questions on limitations on projects with current needs.

Closing in prayer at 7 pm by Father Timothy.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 29, 2024, (revised from October 22) at 6 pm at St. Kathryn's, Ogilvie.