

Four Pillars in Faith ACC  
Council Meeting Minutes  
December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 St Marys

Opening Prayer: Father Timothy

**Attendance:** Fr. Timothy Gapinski, Amy Udermann, Curt Wojciechowski, Jared Barse, Karen Renaud, Amanda Peterson, Rose Ryan, Katie Kerr, Jackie Leveille, Brenda Lundberg, Kris Archibald

1. Approve Meeting Minutes from Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023- Rose made a motion, and Jared seconded. All in favor.
2. Approve agenda for Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting -Amy made a motion to approve agenda, Katie seconded, all approved.
3. Old business
  - a) Update from the committee on Feb pastoral visit with Bishop Neary
    1. Parishioner survey- The team met with Julie and Jill to review the agenda and send 8 to 10 people to attend the presentation. ACC will give a 15 to 20 min. ACC presentation. Goes from 9:30 to 12 pm. Want to know what we cover in ACC meetings, who we are as an ACC, one thing we are proud of as we build bridges between parishes, biggest struggle as an ACC, how we are listening to the people in our ACC, how we are nurturing eucharistic spirituality, how we are investing in the call and formation of leaders now and in the future, what are 3-4 priorities of our ACC to build a cohesive and unified mission, what roles the Catholic school plays in the ACC, and our ACC council structure. No names, 6 to 10 slides.
    2. Survey questions sent out to ACC Council, added demographic questions. Katie will add other options and send them back out to the ACC Council, which will be completed by Jan 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Follow-up meeting on Jan 18<sup>th</sup> with the diocese representatives Julie and Jill. Send survey in mail by Jan 4, to homebound parishioners. The survey will be online and inserted in the bulletin on Dec. 30/31 to provide information about online, paper copies available for people without computer access. Katie will do the data analysis; paper copies will be added to the online survey data by others. Selecting the members from other members of the parish. Have presentation in place by Ash Wed.
  - b) Possible use of old altar in gathering hall vs. the altar that is currently being used at St. Kathryn's-no updates
  - c) Alternative tabernacle options at St. Mary's Milaca-no updates
  - d) Kneelers have been in place for a couple of weeks. Father asked for input- Distract from the altar? Possibly move the kneelers, wheelchair space is an issue at some parishes – consider removing the front row of pews. Father Timothy has noticed that more people choose to use kneelers during the weekday Mass.
4. New Business
  - a) Eucharistic procession (Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage) - organizing is in progress. If people do not want to go to Mora for the procession, the next stop is Gilman. Need volunteers to help with several stops and need 3 people at each stop. Start at JC ball fields.
  - b) Stewardship drive update – Many have been returned, although many are in a ministry already. There are some new people, could we share our needs in the area of stewardship? The vast majority were returned in the collection basket. We brought back distribution of chalice and now our extraordinary ministers are serving every other weekend, some parishioners wonder why we only have one chalice. We need more people to volunteer.

- c) Financial planning options for parishioners to donate through (Catholic Aid or Edward Jones) – Catholic United Financial does online talks which would be very valuable in our parishes given our populations in our parishes. Possibly to schedule on a Sunday or an organized online.
- d) Mass times- Possibly change daily mass to 8 am for six months in fall-winter, back to 7am in summer? Father would like ACC council to talk to people after Mass and see what the response is, maybe try for three months starting in Jan 2024.
- e) Parish sub-committee updates
  - i. St. Louis Bertrand - Subcommittees-*Social Fellowship Committee* is continuing to go well with many partaking. We also have interested parties and will be reaching out and hopefully add a week or two. There will be a reception following midnight mass. *Grounds/Beautification Committee*-The structure of the committee is going well. There are items such as the sidewalks, cobblestone areas, and access to the basement of the rectory that are still being discussed but will be taken care of this spring/summer 2024. They will be looking for volunteers for the decorating of the church. These will be assigned per season, and we do have one volunteer for the Christmas season this time. *Christian Women's Committee* -Things have been going well and the Annual Mission Bazar was November 18, 2023. Went beautifully with many partaking in donations and many shopping all benefiting the Missions. Next year is the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Mission Bazaar the planning is already being discussed. *Knights of Columbus* - will be doing their fish fry again, hosted in Foreston. The schedule has been updated to reflect this.
  - ii. St. Mary's Milaca- Reports/Updates were given on the Building/Grounds, the St. Mary's/St. Louis Lifelong Faith Formation program, Divine Mercy Homebound Ministry, St. Mary's Guild, All Saints' Party, Box of Joy Ministry, and the Stewardship
  - iii. St. Kathryn's -Rose- Parish-life quarterly meeting, Craft and bake sale went very well, Family faith is going well, social concerns and a big food shelf project brought in 11 hundred pounds of food.
  - iv. St. Mary's Mora-Amanda notes-monthly work groups, coffee and rolls, cemetery meeting, faith formation going well on Sundays, Social concerns, shingle replacement on hold until spring, carpet and tile in entryways and steps, luxury vinyl for the sacristy is wrapping up.

5. Other discussion topics:

- (a) Updating employee handbook and mirroring each parish, final touches, and ready by January 1.
- (b) A cemetery meeting between all 4 parishes was held. Looking at pricing and found that some have not changed in 24 years. Looking at other cemeteries public and private in the area and comparing prices.
- (c) Adding to Tara Taylor's job description to work with preparation for Marriage for all four parishes in the ACC.
- (d) Lee Ann King is handling prep for baptism and parishioners should contact the parish instead of Father.
- (e) Adjusting the sacramental block in the bulletin.
- (f) Prepping for advent and nativity scenes

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Next ACC Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday February 6, 2024, 6:00pm Mora