

Four Pillars in Faith ACC Planning Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 1st, 2019

Attendance: Jackie Leveille, Janelle Kunkel, Kris Archibald, Amy Udermann, Chris Kotsmith, Katie Kerr, Karen Renaud, Danna Woods, Nancy Frerich, Fr. Derek Wiechmann, Amanda Peterson, Rose Ryan, Sharon Steffen, Brenda Kresky, Arlene Schumacher

New Business

Time with Brenda Kresky

Brenda Kresky is our guest this evening to discuss the vision of the ACC through collaboration, shared resources, and shared efforts. What are our areas of challenge and opportunity? How do we as an ACC build each other up in the faith? These are the types of questions that need to be addressed through the development of goals in a plan by the end of December 2019. We also need to develop a timeline for these efforts. The SOAR analysis should be used to help us develop our goals and we should use the 7 areas of a vibrant faith community to aid us in our discussions.

Bishop Kettler has given three goals that he would like addressed – Youth & Young Adults, RCIA, and Outreach to the Poor. Others to consider would be vocations and evangelization.

Honest look at what needs to be done or changed in each parish

Father Derek shared –

- Going from two parish life coordinators down to one pastor. Is that really in the best interest of our ACC? What is not being accomplished or being done with Rita and Deacon Ken not being here. Hard look at where we are. He would like to know what we are seeing.
 - Rose shared bringing the sacraments out to the homebound. Parishioners can do that but there is a time that a priest, deacon or parish life coordinator would be needed. St. Mary's in Milaca and St. Louis have a parish nurse that visits the homebound.
 - Finances – Getting a handle on finances. Staff to support or maybe staff to be there longer?
 - Strengthen staff to support the efforts of the ACC - Distance is a challenge and how practical is it to look at shared staff between the four parishes?
 - Evangelization – New Evangelization Coordinator, there is one in Holdingford and one in Fergus Falls
 - Stewardship and how is each parish sitting financially

Review of current staffing at all parishes

Deacon Ken has made a covenant with our ACC and will be serving us as a volunteer 10 hours a week. Examples include leading a holy hour, officiating a wedding, and other things that will help Fr. Derek.

Staff to support St. Mary's in Mora and St. Kathryn's

Randi – Secretary Wednesday, Thursday, and half a day on Friday (part time)

Deb Mork – Bookkeeper, two mornings a week (part time)

Amanda & Robin – Faith Formation, well taken care of (part time)

Liturgist – Open position (part time)

Mary Heins – Liturgist at St. Kathryn's (volunteer)

Jim & Brenda – Maintenance at St. Kathryn's (volunteer)

Tim – maintenance (part time)

Kelsey – Cleans rectory, 2 hours a week (part time)

Cemetery –lawn mower for St. Kathryn's (volunteer)

Staff to support St. Mary's in Milaca

Kris – Administrative Asst. and assist with finances (full time position)

Ceil – Parish Associate, support for everything and anyone that comes in the door (full time position)

Vicky & Rita – Faith Formation shared between St. Louis (part time)

Mary – Custodian (part time)

Tom – Custodian (part time)

George – works 2 hours a week to help w/ miscellaneous (part time)

Liturgist – (volunteer)

Faith Community Nurse – Barb (volunteer) – Shared between St. Mary's and St. Louis

Staff to support St. Louis

Amy – Parish Associate and Custodian (full time)

Ed - Maintenance (part time)

John – cemetery (part time)

Peggy – chapel custodian (part time)

Danny – snow removal (part time)

Other duties are filled by volunteers

What does staff look like within other ACC's?

Brenda shared:

- Communication positions – someone to manage social media, web sites and bulletins. There is also an app that we can use to communicate with parishioners.
- Personal Assistants to the pastor
- Business Manager

Upcoming Formation Opportunity on Collaboration

Brenda shared that the diocese is holding some workshops on collaboration that are open to ACC leadership, parish councils, and parish staff. The first one is Thursday, October 24th at Seven Dolors Catholic Church in Albany.

ACC Goals

Next meeting, we will focus on developing ACC goals. Suggestion to talk with parishioners about what they are seeing and what they would like to see happen.

Action Items:

- ✓ Each ACC council member should talk with a minimum of 3 parishioners about the topics on the SOAR analysis document. Bring feedback to the next meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for: Tuesday, October 22nd at 7:00p.m.

Location: St. Louis in Foreston.