

ACC Planning Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 13, 2019

Attendance: Jackie Leveille, Janelle Kunkel, Kris Archibald, Amy Udermann, Chris Kotsmith, Katie Kerr, Karen Renaud, Danna Woods, Nancy Frerich, Fr. Derek Wiechmann, Lowell Herbst, Amanda Peterson, Sharon Steffan

Old Business

Fr. Derek's Installation Mass

The installation mass was held on Sunday, August 4th at St. Mary's Church in Mora. There were about 300 people in attendance at the installation Mass and several commented on the nice representation.

Communication Liaison

Jackie let Brenda Kresky know that she is the contact for our ACC.

- ✓ Reminder to bring questions from parishioners forward to the council meetings or via email. Jackie will then share as FAQs on the parish websites, bulletins, or possibly in a future ACC newsletter.

Publishing ACC Council Member Information & Meeting Minutes

Kris posted ACC member names on the website for St. Mary's Milaca and St. Louis, Foreston and also placed them on their bulletin. Still need to add ACC council member names to the St. Mary's/St. Kathryn's website & bulletin.

Action Items:

- ✓ Fr. Derek will be working with Kris to get the website for St. Mary's and St. Kathryn's updated with member names and contact information.
- ✓ All ACC committee members should email their preferable contact information (phone # and/or email address) to Kris at stmary.milaca@frontiernet.net; she will get the information put on the websites.
- ✓ Janelle Kunkel will talk with Randi Yankowiak about getting the names added to the front page of the St. Kathryn's/St. Mary's, Mora bulletin.

Regional Planning Information Follow-Up

There is some really good information shared on the Diocesan website for ACC planning councils.

Action Item:

- ✓ Check out the website when you have time: <http://planning.stcdio.org/area-catholic-community/planning-council-resources-update/>

Community Building Social Event

The Community Building Social will be held at 7:00p.m. on August 28th at St. Louis in Foreston. Nancy shared that some ladies from the Foreston parish will be serving the light meal that evening. The program will be ~ first half hour meet-and-greet, then Fr. Derek speaks, and then Jackie will speak as a representative of the ACC planning council.

Action Items:

- ✓ Amy will draft an invite for Fr. Derek to email to all parish trustees, pastoral/parish councils, finance councils, staff, and ACC council members. Spouses are invited to attend as well.
- ✓ Nancy will arrange for a microphone to be available for Fr. Derek & Jackie during the event.

Naming the ACC

Information about the ACC and their activities will be shared at the August 17th & 18th Masses. The naming of the ACC kicks off this weekend as well. Someone anonymously donated \$100 for the prize for the winning name. The names that are submitted will need to be compiled and sorted and then narrowed down to 5 before it is brought back to the parishioners for a final vote. The ACC Naming Flyer will be in the bulletin this weekend.

Action Items:

- ✓ Kris will send the flyer to Randi Yankowiak for printing and inclusion in the St. Mary's (Mora)/St. Kathryn's bulletin and will ensure it is in the St. Louis/St. Mary's (Milaca) bulletin.
- ✓ Once name suggestions have been received, Kris will compile them. She will reach out to other ACC planning council members for assistance if needed.
- ✓ Jackie and Fr. Derek will meet to discuss the information that will be shared, and they will be sure to include information about the naming process. They will also address the following from the 7/23/19 ACC Planning Council meeting:
 - Parishioners are not losing their parish name and that the ACC name is the name of our four-parish cluster.
 - Reiterate that the clustering is happening across the diocese and not just within our cluster.
 - Each parish is a separate entity with their own finances. Sharing resources, but not merging finances. Envelopes will be given to the appropriate church following each Mass.
 - Explain how Fr. Derek is being paid.

New Business

ACC Planning Council Member Contact Information

St. Mary's/St. Kathryn's shared their parish directory. Contact information for each of the ACC council members was discussed.

Action Item:

- ✓ Kris will develop a contact listing for the ACC Planning Council based on the information we all share with her. (see Publishing ACC Council Member Information & Meeting Minutes in "Old Business" above)

Brenda Kresky Attendance at ACC Planning Council Meeting

Jackie shared that Brenda would like to attend one of our future meetings.

Action Item:

- ✓ Jackie will propose the date/time/location of Tuesday, October 1st, 7:00p.m., at St. Kathryn's in Ogilvie to Brenda to see if that will work for her.

Concern from Parishioner (Mass times/impact to offering)

Amy shared that parishioners were asking if Mass times would ever change, as there is concern over Foreston not having a Sunday Mass time and the impact that has on the offerings (lighter plate) made due to this change.

The council discussed further. Fr. Derek shared that numbers are increasing in terms of attendance at Foreston. Others shared that Masses are very well attended at the other parishes as well. Nancy shared that they are having a light supper after each Mass in Foreston and they served 75 people this past Saturday. Fr. Derek stated that there are no plans to change Mass times from the current schedule. Change is challenging and we will continue to listen and bring concerns to the ACC planning council meetings.

Action Items:

- ✓ Jackie will address this as a FAQ and will encourage parishioners to seek out information on parish websites and put some FAQs in the bulletins.
- ✓ Jackie will send the FAQs/ACC information to Kris and Randi by noon on Wednesdays.

ACC Planning Council Goals

Discussion was held on the focus of the ACC planning council. Jackie shared that Brenda Kresky is working on a template that would guide us in developing our ACC report. Fr. Derek shared some ideas he has for long term goals. Discussion continued about how we develop goals and gather suggestions. Nancy shared how St. Louis, Foreston set up their support structure for the

church. She would like to see us support all parishes to create a similar structure, then work to develop short term strategic goals, and long-term strategic goals.

Action Items:

- ✓ If you have ideas for short-term or long-term goals and ACC planning council meeting agenda items, please send them to Nancy.

Next meeting scheduled for: Wednesday, September 4th at 7:30p.m.

Location: St. Mary's Church in Milaca