

One in Faith Area Catholic Community

Meeting Minutes

Church of St. Mary, Fireside Room

March 14th, 2023, at 7:00 PM

Opening Prayer

The regular meeting of the One in Faith Area Catholic Community was called to order at 7:04pm on March 14th, 2023, by Richard Sand.

Present

Gary Feldewerd, Tatum Holdvogt, Lisa Wuertz, Jean Hemker, Father Newton, Jan Herzog, Father Dan, Father Marv, Richard Sand, Karen Meyer, Rosa Ramirez, Anastacio Roblero, Andy Klaphake, Pam Pundsack, Herman Lensing, and Ashley Feldewerd

Approval of Agenda - consensus approval

Consultative Discussion - Pastors

Father Marv Enneking – The Melrose parishes are gearing up for confirmation (42 confirmation students). Enrollment for next year at St. Mary's school is 111 currently. St. Mary's is focusing funds on marketing now to invite more people to the catholic schools. When the frost is out the Church of St. Mary will start construction on the rectory. The school will be doing some upgrades to the heating system. Father Marv shared that they have been talking about the importance of stewardship at council meetings. He is doing work with the catholic leadership stewardship committee. Father Marv is reminding councils to build unity and to emphasize events to bring all seven parishes together. People like to know that they are invited. St. Mary's brought on Larry Sass for the music and Lisa Brixius for the liturgy.

Father Dan – Immaculate Conception presented the proposal for the upgrades to make the church handicap accessible. The diocese said yes, we support you. When the snow is gone, they will break ground and are hoping to be done by Christmas. The Eucharistic revival team met and came up with the idea to have 24 hours of adoration. Sacred Heart will be doing 24 hours of adoration coming up March 31-April 1st. They will finish adoration with first Saturday mass. This is open to anyone at any time of the day or night. The north side doors will be open for access. Father Dan noted that St. Patrick's Day is Friday, and the bishop has allowed us to eat meat on Friday.

Father Arockiya Newton – 17 confirmation kids will be confirmed from the Hispanic community. They are planning to celebrate Cinco De Mayo on May 6th. There will be a celebration and the money earned will go to the church. Stations and adoration are held once a month.

Parish Reports

- a) St. Mary –
- b) Sacred Heart –
- c) Immaculate Conception –
- d) St. Rose of Lima-
- e) St. Michael – March 26th is the spaghetti dinner from 11:00-1:00, all are invited to attend.
- f) St. Andrew – Fundraiser was successful! This was the best year ever. On April 21st there is communal confession and stations of the cross. Kindergarten round-up is also coming up.
- g) St. John – April 16th is bingo and raffle fundraiser.
- h) Hispanic Community –

Old Business

- a) Divine Mercy Sunday Event (April 16th) – Kristie, Richard, and Maureen met to discuss. Ralph VanBeck reached out. Discussed a couple of different options, now they need to decide which option to go with. They would like information out by Palm Sunday. Richard thinks that it might be easier to start small and work up to a larger celebration. The novena starts on the Friday before divine mercy Sunday and booklets have been ordered. Richard is looking to see if he can find more books that included excerpts from Sister Faustina's diary. Not sure if these are still available at this point. Wondering if priests are available for confessions and/or mass. Maureen is wondering if we could put something on the first page of the bulletin to explain divine mercy information. Something to explain what divine mercy Sunday is. Jean noted that it would only be able to be in the bulletin on April 16th. Karen asked if there could be an insert put together to explain more information and details regarding this. It was suggested that the insert go in on Palm Sunday. Father Dan will do confessions and benediction. Father Dan suggested asking another priest from the Diocese to do mass if they want to do mass. Father Marv asked if they would consider doing this on Saturday and then it would roll into the 4:00pm mass. They will plan to go with option 1, starting with adoration at 2:00, confession at 2:15, Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00, Confessions end at 4:00, and end with the Social in Church Basement on Sunday. Christian women will do the social, choir will do the Divine Mercy Chaplet. There may be some music might happen during adoration. Inserts will be printed at the parish house.
- b) The ABC's of Divine Mercy
 - a. Ask for his Mercy!
 - b. Be merciful.
 - c. Complete Trust.

New Business

- a) My Parish App -This is a catholic based app. Albany is using this currently. You can post all events for all the parishes. Daily scriptures, notifications, and schedules. This might help bring the parishes together and to get information out to all parishioners. Richard questioned who would maintain and set this up. Who would be able to post things and maintain this? Lisa will do some more digging to gather some more information and touch base with Amy and Pam to see if it is an option. Andy will also do some digging into this.
- b) St. John's ACC meeting update (Herman Lensing) – It was cut short because of the weather. Stressed the need to keep God at the center of discussions. The recommended praying longer. Prayer should be longer than a minute. If you are having discussions and come to a standstill, it is okay to stop and pray and ask the Holy Spirit to be with you. The ACC should be looking at values and name them to help work towards your goals. A mosaic project, if you have a hard job, sometimes you must move stuff around. We are coming into a different era, need to stay focused on working for Christ.
- c) Jean was approached about using the One in Faith heading for faith formation. It was suggested to add four parishes behind the One if Faith to differentiate between names for the bulletin

Agenda for Next Meeting

- a) Update on the My Parish App
- b) Follow up on how the Divine Mercy went.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm by Richard Sand. The next meeting will be at 7:00pm on May 9th, 2023, at the Church of St. Mary.