

Come To the Water ACC Pastoral Council Meeting
Immaculate Conception Church, Osakis
February 21, 2023

Present: Father Matthew Kuhn, Father Rick Aubol, Todd Wentworth, Gary Haavig, Margaret Zidon, Tim Baas, Jerry Kostreba, Jake Mach, Randy Kinney, Mark Maloney, Tonya Marthaler, Darcie Boogaard, Bob Kulzer, Bruce Pederson, and Carol Gaffaney. Absent: Mary Gorghuber, Dennis Hillmer, Francie Peterson, Jodi Rehovsky, and Josh Waltzing.

1. Opening prayer.
2. Minutes of the Last Meeting – The minutes of the January 17, 2023 meeting were approved. Todd noted that he wasn't in attendance at the January meeting and then explained a correction for the November 17, 2022 meeting minutes. The revision is as follows: "Todd said the Block Party committee reported the September 11th Block Party was a great success. It's a social event offered by our parish and is not a fundraising effort. This year's Parish Raffle which occurs the same weekend had the best net profit in the last 20 years."
3. Agenda Additions – Todd Wentworth reminded people of the following volunteer opportunities available during Lent: Harvest Pack on Monday, February 27th and three Fish Frys on February 24th, March 10th and March 24th.
4. Committee Reports - Jerry Kostreba reminded members to submit minutes of committee meetings they attend as liaisons to Janell Eddy, so the minutes can be shared with all ACC pastoral council members. Todd suggested that if they don't have access to the minutes prior to the ACC meeting, they could put together 5 or 6 top bullet points from the meeting to share with ACC pastoral council members.
5. Strategic Plan
 - Todd reviewed the origins of the ACC Strategic Plan goals developed in late 2019 and early 2020. Two goals were chosen: (1) Working on a common ACC mission and (2) a community of growing and evangelizing disciples. Linda Kaiser from the Diocesan office began working with the group and then the pandemic occurred which stopped progress. The diocese is asking ACCs to review and update their strategic plan. Last fall, our ACC pastoral council members shared areas they felt were important and should be included in a revised CTTW ACC strategic plan. Todd combined those ideas and shared a draft tonight of a revised strategic plan for discussion by the pastoral council. He noted that a third goal has been added: (3) Collaborative Relationship with the Diocese and Global Church.
 - Todd asked for suggestions of additional goals that could be included. Objectives, both short-term and long-term, will be developed for the goals, followed by specific action steps. Todd noted that he would like to have agreement on the ACC's strategic plan goals and objectives tonight, if possible. Specific action steps will be discussed, developed and approved at a later date.
 - Father Matthew feels the ACC needs to take advantage of the current National Eucharistic Revival, and also said that goals should provide ways to get all age groups involved. This second piece helps address the "across generations" component of our mission statement. What can we do to draw people back to church, to give them a feeling of belonging and ownership?

- Thoughts were shared as follows:
 - A question was asked if there are any requirements for the goals from the diocese. Todd said there were not.
 - It's critical to welcome new members and help them to get involved. This leads to being able to accomplish other goals of the church. People need to feel ownership to get more involved, to feel needed.
 - The larger size of a parish sometimes works against accomplishing goals because people think "someone else will do it."
 - A suggestion was made to recognize new parishioners and visiting people attending mass and offer a blessing to them at the end of mass.
 - Discussion on ways to welcome new parishioners: Combining KC Breakfast with welcoming new members; a Welcome Basket for new members; we should have several options for welcoming people that would fit the varying preferences of people.
 - We should consider evangelizing the parents of our schools' students who are not members of the church.
 - We need to reach out to people who have become disconnected and/or disengaged from the church.
 - An objective will be added to Goal #2: Engage parishioners who have become disengaged by December 31, 2023.
 - Todd asked that members review the Faith Formation objective under Goal #2 and share their thoughts with him.
- It was the consensus of the group to move forward with the three goals as stated previously. Todd asked members to look at the objectives and action steps and email him ideas over the next few weeks. Do we want to keep all the objectives and action plans currently listed? We may need to change some of the due dates and develop/add short-term and long-term action steps or delete some action steps.

6. Jerry noted there will be a Diocesan meeting for ACC pastoral council members on Saturday, March 11th from 9:00 to 2:30 at St. John's University. He plans to attend and invited people to go with him.

The next ACC Pastoral Council meeting will be Tuesday, March 21, 6:30pm at Saint Mary's Church, Alexandria.

The meeting adjourned with a closing prayer.

Carol Gaffaney
Recording Secretary