

05/18/23 TAO ACC Council Meeting Minutes

6:30 Meeting called to order- Chuck(1st.)/Mary(2nd.)

Opening Prayer- (Various members read off of sheet of things to pray for)

Approval of Agenda- 6:33- Unanimous

Approval of Minutes- Shane (1st.)/ Chuck (2nd.)

Old Business

Charitable Services- process/list makeup was discussed- past topic from two meetings ago (11/22/22)

Social Justice has been coordinating this in the past- with a mixture of local and international benefactors

Many times, the organizations that are contributed to parishioners are not fully aware of- which was s topic of discussion- blurb will be added at start of fiscal year/note in bulletin if deemed necessary

If needed- groups can be added and included if later thought to be a good organization to contribute to

Parishioners need to be made aware of any changes or new(er) organizations

St. Paul's was original source of groupings/listing- but now going to be seen as TAO/Second Collection for all four churches

Discussed the "community aspirations" of the collection- bulletin article if necessary

Determined will be second collection- starting with July 1, 2023- Now called "ACC Second Collection"

Unanimous agreement

Radical Hospitality- Nicky- "remember Church" theme

New focus on more listening to former parishioners/current parishioners- specifically why people have left the church- what can (if possible) be done to get parishioners to return/new parishioners to join

New Agenda- asking questions: "How does the church make people feel? What can be done to make it feel more welcoming"?

"How do we get back those that have fallen away"- addressing past situations/opinions/making new connections/reestablishing past relationships

Bulletin Notice- Nicky posed the question- "What gets people to start thinking about attending church again?" Discuss

Possible ideas- Book Club/" The Chosen" group/Non-threatening/community based/low impact/interaction to begin with than gradually work up to volunteering and becoming more and more involved

Want to be more "opening" to new members and those who may be interested

New Business

“Celebrate MN Event”- Nicky- handouts- Event that takes place July 11-12, Whitney park

Multiple events to pull in all denominations and people- need Catholic representation

Aim is to get people interested in the whole cycle of Catholic/Christian Faith

Need for Featured Friends- greeters/participation/welcoming all people

Group voiced that a word from the new Bishop would help to push this along

Nicky voiced that the aim right now is informational and to get initial involvement from ACC groups/church groups of all denominations

Possibly- discussed- T-shirts that promote being a Catholic- worn to spark people to talk/ask questions-

Prayer every week in church leading up to the event

Headed up by former Police Chief of Cold Spring

Group discussed the potential for converts/inquiring people unknowing with Catholic Faith/Teachings/Informational Awareness

Diocesan Eucharistic Congress- Nicky- Held September 8-9. 2023

An educational Team is developing a Parish level Informational packet

Will include various information- such as listing of available Literature to be read- Diocesan Happenings- “Teaching Tuesdays”

Out Reach Team – Want to start up “Conversation at a Table” get together to broaden discussion of church ways/happenings and get opinions on matters applying to individuals and groups of people within the church

Want to have a “True Presence” sense of belonging for parishioners and those who are interested

In the past- did magnet- after discussion- with QR code- possible Chip Clip idea was also discussed- went with Magnet

3rd. day of meeting coincides with St. Mary’s Block Party

Possible could “Walk with Eucharist” has worked in the past- where one group passes it off to another group/dioceses/church

Goals of the ACC- Fr. Leroy

Wants members to process what we expect from ACC /what are we doing as an ACC to better the situation?

What is next for us? Going to be included in next TOA agenda- given warning that Fr. LeRoy will be asking

We are to bring ideas to the meeting of what possibly we could do as a group going forward

“Need to focus on the strongest points in each person”- tap into what makes them unique and emphasize that and how it contributes to the whole of the faith community.

Possible ideas- Retreat with Board/Committee Heads get together

Grants are given out for group meetings/retreats to boost group’s “community spirit”

Individual members voiced that communication between the four churches is essential element to making the group “unified”

Aim- to spearhead growth in our ACC- to get new faces/new ideas/new life

Weekend Mass Discussion

Any discussion about changes in Mass Schedule have two contributing factors- # in attendance (at a given mass) during what season (post CoVid) and availability of one of our priests\

Will be discussed in the coming (Sept.) Meeting

New ACC Council Members- get secretaries names of possible candidates for leaving members (23’)

Upcoming Events- May 20th. Dean Pena

Totus June 17-23rd.

Meeting Adjourned- 8:03 Fr. Tim (1st.)/Fr. LeRoy (2nd.)