

Area Catholic Community (ACC)
MAAA Parish Group
Minutes of February 6, 2025 meeting

The ACC-MAAA parish group met on Thursday, February 6th, at 7:00pm at St. Mary's in Chokio. The meeting was called to order by Holly Giese and Fr. Todd led us in prayer.

Members present: St. Mary's, Chokio- Father John Paul Knopik, Sandi Marlow Weber, Rachel Schott, David Asfeld
Ave Maria, Wheaton- Carol Nelson
St. Anthony's, Browns Valley- Amber Metz, Edith Foren, Julie Metz
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Morris- Father Todd Schneider, Paul Rentz, Holly Giese, Jackie Dripps

Guest:

Absent: Philip Deal (W), Linda Larson (W)

Minutes of October 10, 2024: Paul moved to approved: Edith 2nd, MC.

Proposed agenda: Rachel moved, Jackie 2nd, MC.

Item A: Membership: Julie had typed a spreadsheet to organize our membership start and end dates.

Item B: All Things New Committee: A couple of handouts were provided by Fr. Todd that outlined the purpose, responsibilities, qualifications, and other information for the All Things New ACC planning committee that is to be developed. Members present took turns reading the guiding principle and Bishop's priorities taken from the diocesan magazine. Rachel looked for clarification between the ACC council and the All Things New committee. The council's initial feeling was perhaps we don't want a separate committee. Rachel suggested as we replace our outgoing ACC members, we be cognizant of the membership suggestions provided in the All Things New handouts. Sandi noted the positive tone of the diocesan communications. Paul noted that 1 priest/parish doesn't work. Fr. Todd provided a diocesan fact sheet.

Rachel moved to have the ACC council act as the All Things New committee. Paul 2nd. MC.

Item C: Picnic Aug 2, 2024. Sandi felt that all members of all parishes in the ACC could be invited. Fr. Todd had said it would also be a good idea to have the leadership get to know each other. Chokio could host as a central location. Burgers and hotdogs and chip could be served. Each parish will have a

sign-up in the back of the respective churches. Each parish would purchase and/or supply the foods. Carol noted that Wheaton Days is often the first weekend in Aug but whoever could make it to the picnic would be fine. Holly proposed to split the cost between the parishes. We will need grills and the plan is to get our number of attendees by mid-June.

Item D: General Discussion – Fr. Todd handed out a Year of Jubilee handout. Holy War of Hope. Can work on a pilgrimage of Hope.

Rachel reminded that confirmation 2025 will be held March 2nd in Morris. She will also send an email to Brenda at the Diocese with the names of our All Things New committee.

Item E: Next meeting will be March 27, 2025 at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, Morris @7:00pm.

Motion to adjourn by Julie, 2nd by Edith. MC. Closing prayer by Fr. John Paul with a special prayer for the late Fr. Stan.

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