

Area Catholic Community (ACC)  
MAAA Parish Group  
Minutes of April 11, 2024 meeting

The ACC-MAAA parish group met on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 7:00pm at St. Anthony's in Browns Valley. The meeting was called to order by Philip Deal at 7:08pm and Fr. John Paul led us in prayer. Introductions were made.

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

Absent: We will need an updated list of current members from each parish.

**Minutes of January 11, 2024:** Edith moved to approved: Sandi, 2<sup>nd</sup>, MC.

**Proposed agenda:** Added item: discussion regarding term limits. Jackie moved, Fr. John Paul 2<sup>nd</sup>, MC.

**Item A:** The diocesan Pastoral visit will be Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> in St. Cloud. A schedule and planning sheet was passed out. The plan is for a 10 minute presentation. Questions to address are included on the sheet and the completed presentation can be sent to Brenda Kresky at the Diocese.

MAAA members planning to attend are Rachel, Sandi, Phil, Fr. Todd, Dave, Jackie, Fr. John Paul, Laurie, Marlene, and Connie.

Rachel will work on a Google slides presentation and requested that MAAA members answer the questions on their own and send the responses to the group. Rachel will compile answers for the presentation along with pictures from each parish.

**Item B:** Eucharistic Revival: Fr. John Paul has a handout from the last ACC meeting. There will be a Eucharistic procession from the 4 corners of the US. There was discussion regarding the route that will end in Indiana. Renew faith on Pentecost.

The Eucharistic Congress will be May 17 and 18<sup>th</sup>. Bernice shared. There is a schedule available online. Alexandria may have some available spots for the Indianapolis Congress.

**Item C:** Upcoming parish events:

**-Wheaton:** Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> will be the salad luncheon beginning at 11:00a or 11:30a. Sept 8 will be the Centennial Celebration.

**-Morris:** Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> following 10:00am Mass there will be the Septemberfest Carnival with a silent auction. Saturday June 29<sup>th</sup> the Knights of Columbus will host a hog roast with free will offering at 4:30p which is a fundraiser for a number of area organizations.

**Chokio:** October 26<sup>th</sup> will be the annual Bazaar. Baked goods, lunch foods and crafts are sold as well as a raffle.

**Browns Valley:** A youth luncheon had just been held and was well attended. There will tentatively be a polka Mass scheduled in October featuring the Night Owls.

Rachel raised discussion of the possibility of a faith formation or youth event fall kick-off event.

Morris has new youth group coordinators in Haley and Jay and Tim. No action was taken.

**Item D:** General discussion.

-Term limits. Constitution in section 8. Per section 4, members are on for a 3 year term where one member from each parish comes off and is replaced or serves a 2<sup>nd</sup> term each year. The constitution was approved Sept 22, 2022. Phil suggested we use 2022 as our start date. Further suggestion was to have each parish determine a 1, 2, 3 designation for members to determine the order they will come off in 2025, 2026 and 2027.

-Special Hospitality Gathering. Discussion around who the gathering was for...members of the MAAA council or whole parishes. Tabled planning a get-together for a later date.

**Item E:** Next meeting will be October 10· 2024 at Ave Maria, Wheaton @7:00pm.

Motion to adjourn by Paul, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jackie. MC. Closing prayer by Fr. John Paul.

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