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**Haven of Mercy Catholic Community Committee Meeting
Minutes January 27, 2022 Holy Family Parish Hall**

A. Call to Order

Members:

Fr. Jimmy, Fr. Ben , Fr. Botzet

Stanislaus, Sobieski:	Joyce Borash, Michael Retka
Sacred Heart, Flensburg:	Alan Ringwelski
St. James, Randall:	Bill Kuesel, Gail Johnson
Holy Family, Belle Prairie:	Darrell Welle, Nicolette Gindele
OLOL, Little Falls:	Michelle Blaine, Joe LaForce
St. Mary's, Little Falls:	Lori Kneeland, Brigid Fitzgerald
MOL School:	Val Kula
Traditional Latin Mass:	Larry Feldt

1. Prayer – Fr. Ben
2. Roll Call – Fr. Ben, Fr. Botzet, Gail Johnson, Mike Retka, Darrell Welle, Joe LaForce, Michelle Blaine, Lori Kneeland, Brigid Fitzgerald., Larry Feldt., Joyce Borash

B. Recommended Action

1. Routine Matters
 1. Approval of 11/18/21 Minutes with typo correction – motion Michael, second Michelle PASSED
 2. Approval of Agenda, motion by Darrell, second Joyce PASSED
2. Unfinished Business:
 1. Newly Designed Website -has been launched, timing for launch goals met. 2 domains obtained to give some leeway for future. Design looks good. Next is to communicate to all parishes that the NEW website is www.havenofmercycatholic.org

There will be further communication to parishioners from our priests; detailing that these new looks will be used in bulletins, flocknote, etc with the desired goal being the creation of a unified identity for the Haven of Mercy ACC.

We need members from all parishes to assist with communication and implementing the plan.

We reviewed and voted on the alternate headers, developed by the committee, for website, fb, bulletin, letterhead which use same colors for a consistent look. These can begin to be used in the new website used by the LF Tri Parish as well as other parish generated communications – of all 6 parishes.

The committee will continue to work toward mid- February ‘new header’ bulletin launch which will include comments of Fr. Ben regarding the website launch.

An idea put forth :we could distribute to our parishioners ink pens in the colors used in the new header and that has the new website address on it. Maybe an Easter gift?

Fr. Ben will share with Cindy, Mary Jo and Leah that Haven of Mercy ACC voted to move forward with bulletin (new header, etc) so that it will be used in the Feb. 12-13 weekend bulletin; and let them know that a Committee member will be contacting them in the next days to share more about the changes to be introduced Feb. 12-13.

3. New Business

New Director of Operations: Luke Waltman has been hired and will start Jan.31, 2022 with the LF Tri Parish. He was unable to join us tonight. Message of the hire of Luke will be shared to fb, website, newsletter and bulletin., this includes information to Fr. Jimmy's parishes (Mary Jo Backowski).

1. Bishop Kettler's has directed all Area Catholic Communities to concentrate on and :

1. Move toward one Pastoral Council for our 6 parishes and then using/establishing parish committees for specific areas of parish work. Example: The Pastoral Council could be comprised of 2 members from each parish.- making it a 12 person body. The composition is determined by the priests and ACC however we understand its size should provide diversity without becoming unwieldy.

A Pastoral Council is the primary planning body for an ACC, which through action and pray develops the ongoing vision for the ACC; a vision which encompasses the areas of evangelization, worship, word, community, service, stewardship and leadership . It takes into account the views of all ACC members. Think of it as a research and advisory group. It will help guide the timing and sequencing of collaborative efforts of all parishes of the ACC which are identified by the pastor and ACC members.

There is a video available that helps explain what a Pastoral Council for 6 parishes is. This or something similar developed by our ACC, could be used on website and at a town hall session to explain the role of a Pastoral Council and how it differs from a Parish Council.

2. Moving towards one bulletin – see above.
3. Prepare bylaws for Pastoral Council. Michelle will prepare a draft for next month's meeting, and forward to Fr. Ben, Fr. Jimmy and Brigid (to distribute to members before the meeting.) **Each member will review the draft AND the bylaws of their individual parishes. Bringing suggestions to the next meeting.**
4. Determine Process for Pastoral Council membership.
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b. Next meeting location: was to be St. Stan's; however, they are not expecting to complete their basement renovation until the end of February, therefore it was decided to swap locations for our February meeting.

C. Information and Reports

1. Delegations NONE
2. Non-Member Communication & Reports NONE
3. Sub Committee Reports See above for committee's work on the header design.

D. Questions by Committee Members NONE

E. Next Meeting Date: February 17, 2022 at St. Mary's at 7:00 PM

<p>The Haven of Mercy Catholic Community Committee is an advisory body that advises the pastors in making decisions important to the well-being of Haven of Mercy Catholic Community.</p>

Adjourned.

Submitted by Brigid Fitzgerald, member.