

Approved 2022.3.31 meeting

Haven of Mercy Area Catholic Community
Minutes 2-24-2022

Prayer Fr. Ben

Roll Call:

Present: Michael Retka, Bill Kuesel, Joyce Borash, Joe LaForce, Fr. Ben, Fr. Jimmy, Alan Ringwelski, Gail Johnson, Darrell Welle, Nicolette Gindele, Larry Feldt

Absent, Val Kula, Brigid Fitzgerald, Michelle Blaine, Lori Kneeland

Minutes from previous meeting: Motion to approve, First, Larry Feldt, Second, Gail Johnson, motion passed

Agenda: Motion to approve, First, Darrell Welle, Second, Joyce Borash, motion passed

New Business:

1. **Discussion on bylaws:** A draft copy that was marked up by Michelle and reviewed by Brigid was provided to the ACC. Fr. Ben walked through the draft copy pointing out highlights of what is meant by the bylaws language. Discussion on certain items was offered for clarification.
 - Discussed consensus vs. collaborative model, there was much discussion from the board. Suggested that people look out on YouTube for examples of consensus model for an understanding of how it works. A determination will need to be made for how pastoral meetings will be conducted at a later time.
 - Had discussion on roles of the trustees within the parishes. Discussed the need to have a separation between the trustee's roles and the pastoral council roles. There is a need for clarification on this item. Fr. Ben will research this item more and provide additional answers at the next meeting.
 - Talked about the term limits and the need to stagger terms for continuity.
 - Need to have a broad demographic of members on the council.
 - Extensive discussion on how to construct (nominations, selection, pastors pick) make-up of who is on the council.
 - Big picture, there will be one pastoral council over-seeing the six parishes. Discussion on the current make-up of the ACC with there being two pastors. This will be something that over time will get figured out.
 - Brief discussion on the officer makeup of the council.
 - Talked a little about the different committees that would be within the council and the roles they would have.
 - Discussed the importance of having By-laws, even though the document is large and dry, there is a need to have the document on the shelf for times where it can help with clarification of issues.

Motion by Michael to review the document one more time at the next ACC meeting as a group before a subcommittee would be formed to finalize it, Gail seconded the motion, motion passed

2. Planning Divine Mercy Sunday

- Discussion for where to have divine mercy Sunday.
- Group agreed to rotate the hosting parish each year.
- April 24th will be the date this year.
- Consensus was that it will be held in Sobieski.

3. Update from communications liaison

- Website is up and running.
- New banner on bulletins is being used throughout all the parishes.

4. Questions

- **No Question**

5. Next Meeting

- March 31st, Sobieski

6. Adjournment

- Motion by Michael to adjourn, Second by Alan, motion passed.

7. Prayer: Closing prayer, Fr. Ben

Submitted by Joe LaForce