

Minutes from QAC Community Meeting and Ice Cream Social Townhall (14 October 2014)

Attendees:

Marilyn Nagle	Tom Quackenbush	Judy Potter
Marianne Bachman	Marti Quackenbush	Lisa Measures
Chris Sitko	Deacon Greg	Elizabeth Hangartner
Maggie Atkinson	Fr. Tom	Tim Connair
Tom McCrate	Mary Rice	Joan Ivory
Bill Fecher	Linda Skinner	Dan Huser
Charlette Buescher	Kevin Skinner	Pat Huser
Nimfa Simpson	Tracy Moran	Lisa Nordmeyer
Jack Simpson	Ken Moran	

After an opening prayer, and ice cream social, the meeting began with approval of minutes from the 9 September Community Meeting. Status of action items was distributed with no questions asked. The following was the status presented for open actions:

1. **Action (May 2014):** Steve Guilfoos complete grieving training for Ministry of Consoling.
Status: Delayed due to availability of members (**ECD: Jan 2015**).
2. **Action (Jun 2014):** Tom McCrate confirm whether any changes/actions are needed for the way we handle custodial services (i.e., Do we need to handle workers comp differently? etc.)
Status: Tom is researching further and will bring back info for a decision (**ECD: 11 Nov**).
3. **Action (Jun 2014):** Ken Takacs complete annual evaluations and feedback sessions with the Director of Music, the Director of Religious Education, and Deacon Greg in his capacity as Pastoral Associate.
Status: Feedback from the community at large was solicited and received. Feedback sessions are planned for all three positions (**ECD: 17 Nov**).
4. **Action (Aug 2014):** Fr. Tom and Ken Moran meet with Helen Fehey (Archdiocese) to get more info on the process and execution requirements for the new Archdiocese fundraising campaign.
Status: Fr. Tom sent a request to Helen Fehey, but has not heard back yet. Fr. Tom will send a follow up note requesting a meeting sometime in Nov (**ECD: 30 Nov**).
5. **Action (Sep 2014):** Tom McCrate to develop alternative options for investing QAC funds and bring back for decision
Status: In Work (**ECD: 11 Nov**).
6. **Action (Sep 2014):** Deacon Greg and Ken Moran explore the cost and storage options for additional tables similar to those already in Si Lounge. Bring back info for discussion/decision at future Community Meeting (**ECD: 30 Nov**).

Next, representatives from each committee provided a quick overview of ongoing activities. Their reports are attached to these minutes. During the discussions of social justice committee activity, it was agreed that the Social Justice Committee would use existing funds to support a family during the holidays as part of the Interfaith Hospitality Network. During discussions of the Stewardship Committee activity, it was agreed that the committees would organize job fair type booths for future display in the chapel vestibule. Ken Moran took the action to coordinate a future date for this job fair.

Following a review of committee activity, the town hall discussion on "Revitalizing QAC Membership" began. The following information was presented by Marilyn Nagle based on research into recent trends:

Overall membership numbers:

Our membership has for years stayed steady right around 200 households give or take 5 to 10 either way. We have only dropped dramatically when there has been a crisis of some kind, like the sexual abuse scandal, the trauma of changing priests, and loss of faith in the Catholic Church.

New membership trend?

In the past, we have relied almost exclusively on word of mouth to bring new people to the Liturgy and hopefully to membership. I have only been officially on the Welcoming and Membership Committee since 2013 when I started keeping more accurate records of new members. However, I've always been interested, and tried to keep up with the new members. From this, I estimate there were about 35 new households from 2006 thru 2012. Over the last five years, we have had much better access through the internet, and I think that has made a difference in newcomers seeking us out. As a result, our new member numbers have increased. Just since January 2013 we have welcomed 21 new households, and one is on hold right now [5 of these 21 are younger families with children]. A lot of the credit for this higher number I believe is attributed to Joan Ivory and her welcoming approach to potential members.

What draws people to QAC?

We have always prided ourselves in being a Community where ALL are welcome, especially those who have felt abandoned by their former parish or the Church in general. I believe it's our welcoming spirit, the way we really care for each other, the way we "celebrate" Liturgy, the music, the fact that we are small and more like family than parish, that we have a voice and we are heard, our Kiss of Peace, Fr. Tom, to name just a few reasons.

What turns people away?

- *With young families, they are often torn between QAC and a parish with a school. We have lost quite a few that way.*
- *We are different in the way we celebrate Community and Liturgy and that doesn't appeal to everyone; our Kiss of Peace may seem a bit much, and our Liturgies are longer than other parishes.*

- *We only have one Liturgy and that is restricting.*
- *One major difficulty I think we face is that we don't seem to be able to hold on to our young people after they graduate from High School.*

Several suggestions were offered by community members and discussed, including:

1. Make QAC more visible for drivers in the local area by creating some kind of signage near the road on the Mount Saint John property to let people know QAC exists and offers mass on Sunday.
2. Shorten Liturgy and keep it to 1 hour.
3. Improve the QAC website so we show up on the first page of a google search (we currently show up 42nd on the list of a google search).
4. Make it easy to find QAC information in the Yellow Pages.
5. Create other ways for people relocating to the area to obtain info about QAC (e.g, info provided by City of Beavercreek to newcomers, info passed out by Wright-Patterson AFB to newcomers, etc.).
6. Offer Childcare/Nursery service during mass.
7. Create a program for Twenty Somethings.

The community meeting ended at 9:30 pm with a closing prayer.

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Kenneth J. Moran
Community Coordinator
16 October 2014

2014 Liturgy Committee Report Oct 2014

Social Justice Ministry has the following activities:

Current Update: Wednesday, October 15, Distinguished Speaker At St. Charles Parish, sponsored by the Catholic Social Service. Social Justice is in charge of preparing dinner.

Sunday October 19, after liturgy, planning for the Christmas Season liturgies (Dec 24 - "Be The Church Day", October 25-26, Lisa Measures has done a good job of planning January). This year's list provides an expanded and variety of projects for all ages.

Saturday, October 25 - BE THE CHURCH service projects. The current cooking teams will be blessed on October 26. Our intent is to be able to cook a whole week (seven days) per quarter. The current cooking teams for the shelter for displaced families.

Sunday October 26 with Children's Liturgy of the Word available in the chapel. Thanksgiving Meal for boarding home residents will be on November 22, 2014. Sign up for volunteers should be starting soon.

Sunday November 2 Liturgy - All Soul's Day - The Ministry of Consoling is planning the liturgy & will be formally honoring those community members who have died in 2012, 2013 and 2014 with a special candle lighting ceremony. After the liturgy there will be time to be together in Si Lounge to celebrate their memories and enjoy our QAC community with bagels and donuts.

Sunday November 9-Healing Service during Liturgy

- Submitted by Judy Potter

Religious Education and Youth Committee Community Report – Oct 2014

Religious Education

October is our service project month. This year we are helping the Ronald McDonald Care Cart. Students are donating items or money to help make hygiene packs and snacks for the cart.

We are currently putting together nursery services for our community members. We are in need of about 6 more volunteers to get this venture started. We are also looking for a few items to make our nursery complete. A list will be posted in the bulletin in the upcoming weeks.

Family/Community Ministry

New Parents Potluck is still going strong. The group meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month and is moderated by Jackie Andrews

Parents' Night Out—each month we offer a night for parents to leave their children to have some time to themselves. It has been well utilized offers the parents the opportunity to focus on their marriage. The next one available is Sunday November 9th from 1-5p.m.

The weekend of BE THE CHURCH, we would like to invite people to gather here at QAC to share their experiences of the weekend together. We will gather in Si-lounge for pizza and fellowship. Bring your own beverage and a couple bucks to pitch in for pizza. If the weather cooperates, we will have a bonfire with marshmallows for toasting. Everyone is welcome!

Youth Ministry

We are preparing our Autumn Retreat for the youth that will happen at Governor's Island the weekend of November 21st-23rd.

Marianist LIFE Meetings are each week and we are having a great autumn. Youth are planning great meetings and are engaged in building community.

– submitted by Maggie Atkinson

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Wednesday, October 15, Distinguished Speaker At St. Charles Parish, an event sponsored by the Catholic Social Service; Social Justice is in charge of preparing dinner.

"Be The Church Day", October 25-26, Lisa Measures has done a good job signing up people for different community projects. This year's list provides an expanded and variety of projects for all ages.

IHN Cooking Ministry, we are still recruiting more households to participate in the cooking for the shelter for displaced families. Our intent is to be able to cook a whole week (seven days) per quarter. The current cooking teams will be blessed on October 23 at liturgy.

Thanksgiving Meal for boarding home residents will be on November 22, 2014: Sign ups for volunteers should be starting soon.

– submitted by Chris Sitko

Stewardship Committee Report – Oct 2014

On Sep 28th we kicked-off our annual Time, Talent and Treasure commitment for the upcoming year. To date 23 households returned the Time and Talent forms for a 15% return rate based on 200 households in QAC. 15 households pledged \$23,440.00. Copies of the forms are available in the vestibule.

For historical purposes, out of an average 203 households, our annual pledges over the last 4 years were as follows:

- 2010 -- 95 households returned Time Talent and Treasure pledge forms
- 2011 -- 64 households returned Time Talent and Treasure pledge forms
- 2012 -- 101 households returned financial pledges (no time/talent pledge was conducted)
- 2013 -- no pledge conducted at all

– submitted by Kevin Skinner

Pastoral Committee Report – Oct 2014

Deacon Greg was out of the office from Sep 26th thru Oct 4th, for a privately directed retreat and some much needed R&R in Florida with family after a month of funerals at QAC involving 3 of our QAC family members and a member of Fr. Chris Wittmann's family.

Before leaving for Florida, I had been working with Flo Cobey who would be doing some filing and basic computer tasks while I was gone. Flo has been a real helper in that vein, keeping me posted on important items needing attention and beginning the process of organizing my office.

On returning to QAC, Maggie Atkinson and I attended a two-day Archdiocesan function at the Dayton Convention Center (Oct 5th & 6th). There were approximately 1000 people from all parts of the Archdiocese gathered for "Proclaim: Equipping Disciples for a New Missionary Age." Archbishop Dennis Schnurr and Bishop Binzer were present for both days which involved prayer, celebration, study, and discussion. This gathering followed and built on a summit of Archdiocesan clergy and laity in 2012 at the Dayton Convention Center.

We participated in a "ministerial forum," a session for members of specific ministry groups to discuss issues with each other from their specific perspective, as well as three workshops each of our own choice. It certainly was worth the price of admission.

Wednesday and Thursday at the office was spent in preparation for a meeting of the Mount St John Council (of which I am a part) and the General Administration (GA) of the Marianists (of which Fr Andre is a part). The meeting was very production – I spent my part of the meeting highlighting our Social Justice activities and the Religious Education programs along with my ministerial duties at QAC assisting Fr Tom Schroer. Judging by the reactions of the members of the GA, they were duly impressed with Queen of Apostles and Fr Andre communicated to me his impression of QAC as a loving, vibrant and caring Community after celebrating the Sunday liturgy with us.

I also had a new computer installed in my office since the previous computer was on its last legs. My most sincere thanks to Kevin Skinner for all the hard work he did in getting everything set for my return.

I do need some additional help from a software perspective. The new computer uses Windows 8. I was previously using VISTA. I had only recently become acquainted with Windows 7 at home and that in itself took some getting used to. Now, Windows 8 is somewhat of a new nightmare. I may be able to get some IT help through knowledgeable QACers or from persons on property who handle some of the issues with which I am currently dealing. Of course, I can always resort to prayer and crying (lol).

– submitted by Deacon Greg Cecere

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QAC Operating Income Report

	Actual	Budget	Difference
September, 2014	\$ 16,653	\$ 18,632	\$ (1,979)
Year to Date	\$ 46,505	\$ 55,896	\$ (9,391)

Operating Income includes regular collection, rental, and interest income.

Total Income	\$ 48,979
Total Expenses	\$ 39,864
Accrued Assessment	\$ 5,000
Income-Expenses	\$ 4,115