

# Faith Formation Council Minutes

September 9, 2015

## Members Present:

- Rita Hayes, FFC Vice Chair
- Kari Ricke
- Patty Willadsen
- Joel Rogers, Pastoral Council
- Katie Patrizio, Director of Faith Formation
- Kelly Grandgennet, Catholic School Board
- Elizabeth Stone, Pre-K and Elementary Faith Formation
- Fr. Jim Secora, Pastor
- Tina Colburn, FFC Chair
- Joe Baumgarten

## Members Absent:

- Ricardo Garcia, Middle School Faith Formation and Youth Ministry
- Anna Steele, High School Youth Ministry

## Opening

- Tina started with prayer
- August minutes approved
- Leader Gram topics were discussed

## Reports

- Faith Formation: Katie
  - a. <http://formed.org/> is now online. This is a fantastic web site with many resources for education in the Catholic Faith. St. Cecelia's will have a passcode that anyone can use to access the site throughout the year.
  - b. Katie will be teaching a six week overview of the Old Testament every Wednesday for six weeks starting September 23 from 7 – 8:30.
  - c. Deacon John will be offering the same class, but on Tuesday mornings, starting ???
  - d. They are exploring ways to improve the Faith Formation online registration and payment system. A web site specifically for Faith Formation is under development.
- Youth Ministry: Anna
  - a. No Report
- Youth Ministry: Ricardo
  - a. No Report
- Youth Ministry: Elizabeth

- a. We are still in need of 10 – 12 more catechists
  - b. We need an office assistant for Sunday mornings.
  - c. We need hall monitors for Sunday and Monday.
- Pastoral Council: Joel
  - a. Determining what to do with \$1M gift to celebrate it.
- Catholic School Board: Kelly
  - a. They are working on ideas on how to increase enrollment at the school.
  - b. They are fully staffed and have the capacity, both room and staff, to handle more students.
  - c. They are only at 50% capacity.
- Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy
  - a. Katie handed out Pope Francis' "Church of Mercy" book and study guide.
  - b. Fr. Jim mentioned that just today, the Pope announced changes to the annulment process. See <http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/sep/08/pope-radically-reforms-catholic-churchs-marriage-annulment-process>
  - c. Pope's teaching on this. <http://www.iubilaeummisericordiae.va/content/gdm/en.html>
  - d. Fr. Jim recommended watching the full and uncut version on You Tube of the Pope's audience with ABC News "Pope Francis and the People".  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ab6MsWv9zS4>
  - e. Katie working on when to kick off the Year of Mercy at St. Cecilia's. Also working on what types of events to have. Any suggestions are welcome.
  - f. The idea was presented to have Fr. Jim and Fr. Jon do a joint interview with someone at the Ames Tribune. They can explain what the Year of Mercy is all about, explain some of the recent headlines the Pope has been getting, invite all to a informal Q&A session, etc.
  - g. Joel will contact someone at the Tribune to get this started.

## New Business

- Boy Scout/Cub Scout Religious Emblems
  - a. Joe is working on getting this started again for the Catholic scouts in our three parishes.
  - b. He has a contact person with the BSA who represents the Dubuque Arch Dioceses.
  - c. He needs to coordinate a time when this person can come to Ames to train all of those who will be conducting this 8 week course for the boys.
  - d. Deacon Alan said that Deacon Mark would be an excellent primary contact since Marck was an avid Scouter back in the day!
  - e. Alan said that he would talk this over with Mark at their coming Thursday meeting.
- Email program for Man Up.
  - a. Joe and Joel talked about the need for the Man Up group to have a membership software system where our members could be collected and mass emailed to.
  - b. Joe is working with Char and Randy to see what is available that the parish already owns.

## Closing

- Prayer
- Next meeting Tuesday October 13 at 7 p.m. at the St. Louis Room.
- Adjourned 8:45 p.m.
- Respectfully submitted by Joe Baumgarten