

# Faith Formation Council Minutes

October 13, 2015

## Members Present:

- Rita Hayes, FFC Vice Chair
- Patty Willadsen
- Paula Gallt
- Deacon Mark Bortle
- Joel Rogers, Pastoral Council
- Katie Patrizio, Director of Faith Formation
- Kelly Grandgennet, Catholic School Board
- Elizabeth Stone, Assistant Director of Faith Formation
- Ricardo Garcia, Middle School Faith Formation and Youth Ministry
- Anna Steele, High School Youth Ministry
- Joe Baumgarten
- Sue Griffith, Special guest from Stephen's Ministries

## Members Absent:

- Tina Colburn, FFC Chair
- Kari Ricke
- Fr. Jim Secora, Pastor

## Opening

- Ricardo started with prayer
- September minutes approved (with a minor correction to Elizabeth's title)
- Leader Gram topics were discussed

## Reports

- Faith Formation: Katie
  - a. Parish-wide emails are starting up again. Future emails will include links to online recording of Katie's Old Testament lecture series.
  - b. They are working on making the Facebook page more appealing and hoping to get more people to visit. One approach is to offer free book giveaways to people who like the page.
- Youth Ministry: Anna
  - a. The five interns are working out very well.
  - b. Organizing the Catholic Heart regional mission trip in June.
- Youth Ministry: Ricardo
  - a. Taking just one bus-load of 46 kids and 10 adults to NCYC this year.
  - b. Ricardo and Anna are both attending.
- Youth Ministry: Elizabeth

- a. Classes are going well now.
- Pastoral Council: Joel
  - a. We are making progress towards making our parish website mobile-friendly.
  - b. We haven't yet determined who our "sister parish" will be. Still evaluating it.
- Catholic School Board: Kelly
  - a. They are re-evaluating the procedure to enroll in pre-school.
  - b. The new 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher is in place and working out well.
- Stephen's Ministries
  - a. Sue Griffith gave a short presentation to the commission.
  - b. This program was originally founded in the Lutheran Church and is now present in thousands of Christian parishes across the United States.
  - c. New members receive 50 hours of training.
  - d. They view themselves as "listeners" and "sympathizers" more than "counselors".
  - e. Deacon Alan is the primary contact.
- Boy Scout/Cub Scout Religious Emblems
  - a. Joe and Deacon Mark are working on getting this program started up at for the Catholic Boy Scouts in the Ames area.
  - b. We have had a phone conference with the BSA liaison for the program from the Dubuque AD.
  - c. We will start up the program probably in March of 2016 so it is done before school is over.
  - d. Mark and Joe will run the Pope Pius X program (scouts 14 to 18).
  - e. Mark will get recruits for the Ad Altieri Dei program (scouts 12 – 14) to cover each of the seven sacraments.
- Email program for Man Up.
  - a. Joe got the master email list of 215 Man-up men from Todd.
  - b. Unsuccessfully tried to email to this list from Gmail. It was blocked as spam.
  - c. Katie suggested using FlockNotes. Katie and her team got the list imported and set Joe up as an admin of the Man-up sub-group.
  - d. Katie and team crafted a very professional looking email and it was successfully sent out to remind all of our next meeting.

## Closing

- Prayer
- Next meeting Tuesday November 10 at 7 p.m. at the St. Louis Room.
- Adjourned 8:45 p.m.
- Respectfully submitted by Joe Baumgarten