

Faith Formation Council Minutes

November 10, 2015

Members Present:

- Tina Colburn, FFC Chair
- Rita Hayes, FFC Vice Chair
- Fr. Jim Secora, Pastor
- Patty Willadsen
- Paula Gallt
- 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
- Kari Ricke
- Joe Baumgarten

Members Absent:

- Joel Rogers, Pastoral Council
- Deacon Mark Bortle

Opening

- Kari started with prayer
- September minutes approved (with a minor correction to Elizabeth's title)
- October minutes approved with a small change to Elizabeth's title
- Assistant Director of Faith Formation is Elizabeth's title.
- Leader Gram topics were discussed

Reports

- Faith Formation: Katie
 - a. Finished Old Testament class.
 - b. Sending out all parish emails on more regular basis. The Open-rates are going up.
 - c. Visits to parish FaceBook page are up.
 - d. They have another book in line for Advent.
 - e. Parish-wide emails are starting up again. Future emails will include links to online recording of Katie's Old Testament lecture series.
 - f. Using Remind 101 for text messaging.
 - g. Still working with FlockNotes for group email and text communications.
 - h. New policy on church referrals and volunteers.
 - i. The church frequently gets requests to provide volunteers and to make recommendations of parishioners for various paid and unpaid activities, e.g.

raking leaves, babysitting. The Faith Formation and Youth Ministry offices get these request most frequently.

- ii. We have been advised by our legal and insurance experts to carefully evaluate this policy.
 - iii. It is being discussed in various committees and we will have a more formal policy decided early next year as most committees do not meet in December.
- Youth Ministry: Anna
 - a. Reviewed her official report.
 - Youth Ministry: Ricardo
 - a. Ready to go to NCYC
 - b. Planning Winterjam and Ski Trip
 - Youth Ministry: Elizabeth
 - a. She is focusing on the games for the Feast Day celebration during the Sunday lunch. Elementary students and some Life Teen students will help run the games.
 - Pastoral Council: Tina
 - a. The joint initiative that we have with Pastoral Council is to work towards attracting more lay leaders.
 - Catholic School Board: Stacie
 - a. Changing some of the policies for entry into preschool and kindergarten.
 - b. Considering a course to educate parents on internet safety.
 - Faith Formation
 - a. For January be ready to further discuss both the mission and the vision statements. How can we improve them?
 - b. One idea for Vision: Journey together with our fellow parishioners to develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through life-long faith formation.

Closing

- No December FFC meeting
- Next meeting January 12, 2016.
- Bring your Pope Francis "Church of Mercy" books for each meeting. Read Chapter 1.
- Prayer
- Adjourned 8:30 p.m.
- Respectfully submitted by Joe Baumgarten