

# Faith Formation Council Minutes

February 9, 2016

## Members Present:

- Tina Colburn, FFC Chair
- Fr. Jim Secora, Pastor
- Patty Willadsen
- Paula Gallt
- Kelly Grandgennet, Catholic School Board
- Ricardo Garcia, Middle School Faith Formation and Youth Ministry
- Kari Ricke
- Joe Baumgarten

## Members Absent:

- Anna Steele, High School Youth Ministry
- Rita Hayes, FFC Vice Chair
- Elizabeth Stone, Assistant Director of Faith Formation
- Katie Patrizio, Director of Faith Formation
- Joel Rogers, Pastoral Council
- Deacon Mark Bortle

## Opening

- Started with prayer
- Leader Gram topics were discussed
- January meeting minutes approved.
- Results of In-Service review of 2<sup>nd</sup> Section of “The Church of Mercy”
  - a. The Pope is challenging us to go above and beyond to make our parish a welcoming place and to reach out to those who feel estranged or unwelcome at our church.
  - b. Specifically, “What practical steps can we take to encourage parishioners and others to engage in the practice of letting themselves be loved by God as a way to holiness?”
  - c. The Lenten season, especially the Easter Triduum services are fantastic times to get people back to us.
  - d. We proposed a series of full-page ads in the Ames Tribune, leading up to one that will appear a few days before Palm Sunday and a final one before Easter Sunday.
  - e. We wanted to get the input of the Parish Life Commission before continuing, but wanted to move this along quickly in order to get this in place by Palm Sunday and Easter.

## Reports

- New members need for FFC
  - a. Tina and Rita’s terms are ending.

- b. If you think of someone that you think would be good, ask them in person!
  - c. We will have another ministry fair after Easter.
- Craig Fink with Gala for Fund a Need
  - a. Last year, \$32K was raised for the Fund A Need.
  - b. Discussed what needs the FFC might have.
    - i. Storage carts for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
    - ii. Overhead projector for Oscar Ramiro conference room.
    - iii. Free books.
- Faith Formation: Katie
  - a. The Finance committee is open to Katie's suggestions on reduced fees
- Youth Ministry: Anna
  - a. Her report was reviewed on paper.
- Youth Ministry: Ricardo
  - a. Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup> they are going to a "Youth Jam" in Waterloo.
- Youth Ministry: Elizabeth
  - a. Her report was reviewed on paper.
- Pastoral Council: Tina
  - a. No report
- Catholic School Board: Kelly
  - a. No report no meeting due to snow.
- Faith Formation
  - a. We started working on an improved Mission and Vision Statements.
  - b. Vision:
    - i. We like the first half of the current Vision statement. Nuff said, leave it there.
    - ii. "St. Cecilia's Faith Formation Commission envisions the full, conscious and active participation of each member of our community, supported by lifelong faith formation."
  - c. Mission:
    - i. We are working towards putting into words what the "bullseye" graphic represents.
    - ii. "To provide the member of St. Cecilia's with the resources to deepen their faith, knowledge and service, guiding them through intentional discipleship toward a personal relationship with Jesus Christ."
    - iii. Still needs some refining. Next time.

## Closing

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- Prayer
- Adjourned 8:30 p.m.
- Respectfully submitted by Joe Baumgarten