

Faith Formation Commission Meeting Minutes – March 8th, 2016 – St. Louis Room

FINAL—Approved on 4/12/2016

Present:

Father Jim, Anna Steele, Elizabeth Stone, Ricardo Garcia, Kelly Grandgenett, Joel Rogers, Paula Gallt, Rita Hayes, Kari Ricke, Tina Colburn

Excused:

Patty Willadsen, Joe Baumgarten

Called to order: 7:04PM

Opening:

Prayer and “Church of Mercy” discussion lead by Anna

Business:

*Two changes to the March minutes:

1. Change the Council in the title to Commission
2. Under the Reports section with Fund A Need, Romiro needs to be changed to Romero

*Discussion of potential FFC candidates for the upcoming election – several names were taken down and will be given to Patty and Paula so they may contact them and ask if they would be interested in putting their name on the ballot.

*Last month a conversation on marketing to welcome people to the parish for the Easter season. More discussion about moving the plan forward. Father Jim suggested to put the plan into place for next Lent season. That would give time to budget, plan, and execute successfully. Katie said she would check into Facebook ads. Other outlets discussed were Pandora, movie theater-pre movie ads, the parish website, and TV. St. Pius in Urbandale has recently had TV ads, so more research should be done to figure out what the cost of that is—production as well as paying for air time. Another idea was to put together a video with Father Jim inviting people to Mass and put on Facebook. Joel thought there might be a resources within the parish that could help with this plan. He suggested Susan McNichol and he would reach out to her. Maybe a good summer project to get Christmas advertising lined up and also Lent 2017. Ash Wednesday is March 1, 2017 and Easter is April 16, 2017.

*Katie and Father Jim met with Tyler from St. Thomas. Tyler presented Evangelical Catholic (EC) program and it has been very successful at St. Thomas. He was encouraging St. Cecilia to take a look at the program and implement. Katie showed a testimonial video of Evangelical Catholic, specifically starring staff from St. Thomas, parishioners, and EC staff. EC is like a consulting group. They come in and learn about the parishioners, the pastor, staff, and others involved in the church. Katie called and chatted with someone from EC. She said they encouraged her to have 5 one on one meetings a week to get to know the parishioners. The idea is this will start to empower people to learn how to evangelize one on one. EC helps develop relationships and the knowledge will come. St. Thomas has a 3 year commitment. Father Jon Seda and Tyler encouraged Father Jim and Katie to get the alliance started with EC. The program is \$15,000 per year. The FFC members present were encouraged by the excitement the program created with St. Thomas. Katie is going to present the program to the CSB, Finance, and PC.

Reports:

*Anna reported the Confirmation retreat was successful.

*Katie reported that the Children's Liturgy of the Word is going very well and June Burns is interested in learning about Catechesis of the Good Shepherd to bring some aspects to the Children's Liturgy of the Word.

*Kelly reported in the Catholic School Board meeting, teacher salaries and principal salaries were discussed. They presented Fund-A-Need ideas for the Gala. They also talked about potential candidates for the upcoming election.

Closing:

Anna lead prayer

Adjourned:

8:33PM

Respectfully submitted

TINA COLBURN, FFC Chair