

Faith Formation Commission Minutes

August 9, 2016

Members Present:

- Joe Baumgarten, FFC Chair
- Darcie Tallman
- Katie Patrizio, Director of Faith Formation
- Elizabeth Stone, Assistant Director of Faith Formation
- Elin Herrman, Catholic School Board liaison
- Anna Steele, High School Youth Ministry

Members Absent:

- Fr. Jim Secora
- Zekiel Mientkiewicz (newly hired Coordinator of Middle School Ministry)
- Deacon Alan Christy
- Paula Gallt, Secretary
- Kari Ricke, Vice Chair

Opening

- Meeting began at 7:40 pm
- Prayer and In Service led by Joe Baumgarten

Business

- Approved June minutes
- Welcomed new members, Elin and Darcie
- Pastoral Council: Joe highlighted.
 - a. Narthex repair may be costly, concern due to lack of masons in area. No clear timetable.
 - b. Joe will be liaison to FFC and bring info to share both ways to alleviate need for doubling up.
 - c. See report
- Faith Formation:
 - a. Katie shared information on the Evangelical Catholic (EC) Program which has officially begun. Essentially moved from a Program-based model to the Jesus Model, small groups, trained/taught who then evangelize. Exponential growth is goal from inside out.
 - b. Peter Andrastek of EC will meet with staff, commissions and training groups tentatively August 28-29 to offer training. Katie said to hold August 30 as tentative date for him to meet with FFC and PC and others TBD with Fr. Secora to learn about the program.
 - c. One-on-One parent meetings
 - d. In need of catechists, FFC members encouraged to invite, at least 20 needed.

We will encourage 9th grade and up to be catechists. Joe suggested asking parents and their high-school aged children to work as a team to host a class. Anna and Katie will review list to facilitate this.

- e. Announced new Administrative Assistant, Anna Maher, replacing Abby Hansen
- f. See Report

- Youth Ministry: Anna Steele
 - a. Anna announced new Coordinator of Middle School Youth, Zekiel Mientkiewicz, 26 yr old, New York native.
 - b. Has 6 interns. Will reveal their unifying name to better name our dual parish program. Training for interns is August and September.
 - c. Confirmation date set, Sunday, April 23- 2 p.m.

- Assistant Director of Faith Formation: Elizabeth
 - a. Great response with Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. There are 57 students registered, 3-9 year olds. Openings for 26 more. We're offering 6 sessions for ages 3-6 and two sessions for ages 6-9. Two atriiums: one at St. Cecilia, one at St. Thomas.
 - b. Have been working through the summer to gather and make atrium articles. We've been blessed with so many willing to help.
 - c. Insert going into bulletin re: RE Registration and requesting catechist volunteers.
 - d. Gearing up to start scheduling individual parental sacramental meetings to field questions, cover books needed, dates.

- Catholic School Board:
 - a. No report.
- Reviewed and Discussed Parish Survey comments.
 - a. Talk of making the website more user friendly for formation opportunities or perhaps listing opportunities under multiple headings. FFC members encouraged to review the website with new eyes. E.g. where would I find scripture study? Service opportunities etc.
 - b. It was suggested we might consider offering a parenting class again and opportunities for college age and young adults.

- Joe suggested we take a line of the Nicene creed each time we gather to reflect and go more deeply into what we believe. The members agreed.

- The next FFC meeting will be September 15 at 7pm in the St. Louis Room

Closing

- Prayer
- Adjourned 9:00 p.m.
- Respectfully submitted by Elin Herrman