

Faith Formation Commission Minutes

April 10, 2018

Attendance:

FFC Chair	Joe Baumgarten	Present
FFC Vice Chair	Paula Gallt	Present
FFC Meeting Minutes	Darcie Tallman	Present
FFC Member	Melissa Bowker	Present
FFC Member	Elin Herrman	Absent
FFC Member	Sarah Mansell	Present
Pastor	Fr. Jim Secora	Present
Deacon	Deacon Mark Bortle	Present
Director of Faith Formation	Katie Patrizio	Present
Director of Youth Ministry	Anna Kaminski	Present
Coordinator of Middle School Youth Ministry	Zekiel Mientkiewicz	Present
School Board representative	Kari Kellen	Absent

Opening

- Joe opened with prayer.
- March meeting minutes approved.

Business

Seminarian Jim Goerend will be with our parish this summer. He will be shadowing Father Secora and each of the staff members to expose him to day-to-day parish life. Youth ministry still meets in the summer (more casually) so he will be able to participate in that.

Father shared that early in the fall, the parish will offer a presentation on Advanced Directives and end-of-life issues.

\$19K withdrawn from parish "ministry fund" (Klingseis money) and deposited into Faith Formation budget. Church ministry fund Irine's estate - set up so interest can be rolled over or take disbursement to assist with ministerial needs. 19 K was the interest gained. Done because our giving is down. Covered the budget shortfall. Stewardship is planning a drive in the fall.

Staff Reports

Zeke: Shared a proposed budget for an Edge summer camp. Families would pay \$130 to participate. This would allow the camp to break even. A discussion followed about how to accommodate students if they can't afford the \$130. It was proposed to provide families the option to give \$10 or \$20 extra to help families that need assistance.

Joe will take this discussion to Finance Council in the future and ask how faith formation can fund events/opportunities if families can't afford.

The FFC voted to approve the Edge summer camp.

Katie: spring training went really well. Had about 50 people. Survey resulted in good feedback and many people expressed interest in offering the event again next year.

Parish mission – Katie asked for members of the FFC to attend the parish mission. Numbers play into how people feel about the energy of the event. Cookies will be offered at the end of each night. FFC could be greeters/help with cookies. If members happen to be there, check in with Katie about how to help.

Anna - Need people to help with leading YDisciple groups next year. Every group needs a primary leader above age 25 and who has experience with teens.

Reports

- Report from School Board: Father Secora
There was an open forum about the use of the Oscar Romero room. Teacher contracts are due April 15. There was a 98% participation in spring conferences.
- Report from Pastoral Council:
 - i. The Arch Diocese needs to raise \$11 Million into the priest retirement fund.
 - ii. The Arch Diocese needs to raise \$11 Million into the fund for education of our seminarians.
 - iii. We have people signing up for all open positions for the May 20 parish elections.
 - iv. Looking for replacements for Char, our Business Manager.
 - v. Working to set up a tri-parish council meeting on May 17.
 - vi. The Oscar Romero room will be shared space between the parish and the school for at least next year.

- vii. The Ames Friends Quaker church has designated themselves as a “sanctuary” church to protect and stand with immigrants facing deportation. They have reached out to all other churches in Ames, including us, for support. Discussion started and will continue.

Closing

- Prayer
- Next meeting Tuesday, May 8 at 7 p.m. in the St. Louis Room.
- Adjourned 8:00 p.m.
- Respectfully submitted by Darcie Tallman