

Faith Formation Commission Minutes

January 8, 2019

Attendance:

FFC Chair	Sarah Mansell	Present
FFC Vice Chair	Darcie Tallman	Present
FFC Meeting Minutes	Elin Herrman	Present
FFC Member	Melissa Bowker	Present
FFC Member	Paul Fell	Present
Pastor	Fr. Jim Secora	Present
Deacon	Deacon Alan Christy	Absent
Director of Faith Formation	Katie Patrizio	Absent
Coordinator of Middle School Youth Ministry	Zekiel Mientkiewicz	Present
Coordinator of Elementary Faith Formation	Taylor Hawkins	Present
School Board representative	Collin Murphy	Present

Opening

- Sarah opened with prayer.

November Minutes – the commission approved the November meeting minutes

Staff Reports

Katie/Taylor: See staff report

Zeke: See staff report.

- a. Zeke asked if we had ideas on service opportunities for youth. Meals for the Heartland was suggested.
- b. Asked about possible continued clothes drives. FFC thought a good idea based on success of last year's collection.

Visioning & Catechetical Faith Formation Planning

1. Review of FF Showcase at Masses
 - Bernie LaPage did a good job outlining Catechist role/need
2. FFC continued ongoing discussion of how to best support K-8 Faith Formation and Catechists
 - A. FFC members can support staff by encouraging prospective catechists to “assist” and observe a catechist-led class
 - B. Staff will have a better idea of needs after re-commit period this month
 - C. Re-emphasize no need to be experienced or well-versed in theology

- D. Standardized Formation not necessary, can approach on case by case basis for potential catechist formation
- E. Discussion of behavior protocol, FF leadership acknowledged need for handbook that clearly spells out for catechists and parents, behavior expectations/management.

- F. Enrollment Process discussed to better manage catechist/student numbers.
 - 1. Limit choice, Add classes as needed.
 - 2. Suggest prospective catechists be invited to assist before assuming catechist role, FFC can encourage that.

Administrative Issues:

- A. Budget for FFC & Youth Ministry Reviewed by Katie Patrizio
- B. Discussion by FFC
- 1. Committee raised questions on Confirmation Retreat Budget, Katie said she'd look into and share finding with committee members should they want to review.
 - 2. Budget proposal approved, goes to Finance, then to PC

Reports

Report from School Board: Collin Murphy

- Budget, Salaries, Tuition Discussed in Jan.
- Board voted on Tuition rates, STO, multi-child discount, lunch rates, passed & approved, posted on website
- One flat tuition rate, no discounts for multi-child, pushing STO. STO is upplng qualification eligibility.

Pastoral Council Update: Sarah Mansell

- Sarah reviewed FFC initiatives to present to Parish-wide Strategic Planning Session mid-January:
 - a. Provide continued invitation to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ to all parishioners
 - b. Enhance the knowledge of the Catholic Faith for parishioners of all ages
 - c. Use the Evangelical Catholic (EC) process to recruit, form, place and mentor parishioners.

Sarah said all of these goals/processes are on-going and greenlighted them for PC. Commission agreed.

Closing

- Prayer
- Next meeting Tuesday, Feb 12th at 7 p.m. in the St. Louis Room.
- Adjourned 8:18 p.m.
- Respectfully submitted by Elin Herrman