

Faith Formation Commission Minutes

March 20, 2018

Attendance:

FFC Chair	Joe Baumgarten	Present
FFC Vice Chair	Paula Gallt	Absent
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 Ron Smith	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.
- February meeting minutes approved.
- Approved January minutes as originally approved, without amended changes.

Faith Formation Commission Budget

The Commission reviewed the proposed FFC budget. Katie explained how the departments were asked to decrease budgets due to a decrease in tithing and forecasts that giving will decrease further due to changes in tax laws.

- FFC Commission members asked questions about several line items.
- Vacation Bible School is listed as \$0. It was changed to a restricted amount since it pays for itself.
- Payment to catechists is traditionally way below budget because it's calculated by considering all catechists take the stipend and are present every week. That amount was cut to a more realistic level.
- An increase of \$2,500 was added to the **Coordinator of Elementary Faith Formation (official title??)** position based on a diocesan evaluation of salaries.

Vote

Sarah Mansell made a motion to approve the proposed Faith Formation Commission budget. Motion passed unanimously (4/4) to approve the proposed FFC budget.

Survey Results from Youth Ministry

Anna described how they conducted a survey to help plan how they will schedule high school youth ministry for next year. After discussion and trying to appeal to the majority of the respondents, the FFC felt it was best to continue next year with offering YDisciple on Monday and Wednesday nights. It was discussed that due to space constraints, freshmen YDisciple groups should meet at STA. In addition, more “Life Teen” type experiences would be offered more frequently on Wednesday nights.

FFC initiatives

FFC discussed the initiatives of the commission. Revisions were made to the 3rd initiative. They are:

1. Present a continued invitation to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.
2. Enhance the knowledge of the Catholic faith for parishioners of all ages.
3. Use the Evangelical Catholic process to recruit, form, place and mentor people of the parish.

Structure of Meetings

FFC members discussed how future meetings would be structured with a 60-minute meeting. The following was proposed:

Opening prayer: 5 min

Discussion of Action Items (reviewed prior to meeting): 25 min

In-service from staff (explanation of the various ministries in faith formation and how they fulfill the initiatives of FFC): 25 min

Closing: 5 min

Reports

- **Faith Formation Report: Katie Patrizio**
 - a. See the compiled staff report.
- **Pastoral Council: Joe Baumgarten**
 - a. See report

Closing

- Prayer
- Next meeting Tuesday, April 10 at 7 p.m. in the St. Louis Room.
- Adjourned 6:00 p.m.

- Respectfully submitted by Darcie Tallman