

Faith Formation Commission Minutes

Nov. 14, 2017

Attendance:

FFC Chair	Joe Baumgarten	Absent
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	Absent
Pastor	Fr. Jim Secora	Present
Deacon	Deacon Alan Christy	Present
Director of Faith Formation	Katie Patrizio	Present
Director of Youth Ministry	Anna Kaminski	Absent
Coordinator of Middle School Youth Ministry	Zekiel Mientkiewicz	Absent
Coordinator of Elementary Faith Formation	Jacob Brancaleon	Present
Guest, former FFC Chair	Tina Colburn	Present

Opening

- Paula opened with prayer and in service. Watched the Ascension Press video titled, Overwhelmed. Discussion followed.
- Meeting minutes approved.

Faith Formation Commission

Tina Colburn, former chair of FFC, came to provide more history of the Faith Formation Commission.

- FFC began about nine years ago.
- St. Cecilia was the first parish in the Archdiocese to start a Faith Formation Commission.
- Previously, faith formation and the Catholic School were together. With the development of the FFC, the FFC oversees all faith formation with the Catholic School Board reporting to FFC.
- As a member of the founding FFC, Tina said the first 18 months was dedicated to developing a mission statement, goals and objectives.

Several recommendations were discussed:

- It was Tina's recommendation that staff should drive the meetings. Katie can develop the agenda and share with Joe to gain his input. This is a

similar process to what the School Board does with Erv Rowlands developing the agenda and working with the Chair.

- The FFC is advisory. Staff seeks the FFC for advice/brainstorming/feedback so they can effectively move forward.
- Change the frequency to quarterly meetings. Keep meetings to 90 minutes.
- Reports should be sent out timely. Put action items on top of the agenda.

Katie mentioned that with the parish's alliance with EC, she has to update a quarterly strategic plan. She felt this would be a good update to bring to the FFC to gain ideas and share the thought process.

At our next meeting, members will vote on these recommendations.

Reports

- **Faith Formation Report**
 - a. See the compiled staff report.
- **Catholic School Board: Fr. Secora**
 - a. The School board is discussing the National standards and benchmarks for Catholic Schools.
 - b. Began an initial discussion on tuition rates for the 2018-19 school year.
- **Pastoral Council: Fr. Secora**
 - a. See report included in agenda.

Business

- Family Matters E-newsletter: Katie will talk with Mary Sue to get this in the bulletin.
- Strengthening families: Darcie explained an idea Nannet Horton had about offering an educational session(s) to parents during faith formation classes that focuses on the domestic church and helping parents. Katie recommended that Nannet visit with her and staff since the staff is focusing efforts on working with children and parents.

Closing

- Prayer
- Next meeting Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. in the St. Louis Room.
- Adjourned 8:30 p.m.
- Respectfully submitted by Darcie Tallman