

Faith Formation Commission Minutes

November 13, 2018

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
FFC Member	Irmi Miller	Present
Pastor	Fr. Jim Secora	Present
Deacon	Deacon Alan Christy	Absent
Director of Faith Formation	Katie Patrizio	Absent
Director of Youth Ministry	Anna Kaminski	Present
Coordinator of Middle School Youth Ministry	Zekiel Mientkiewicz	Present
Coordinator of Elementary Faith Formation	Taylor Hawkins	Present
School Board representative	Neal Molitor	Present
Guest		

Opening

- Sarah opened with prayer.

Sept/Oct Minutes – the commission approved the Sept/Oct meeting minutes

Staff Reports

Katie/Taylor: See staff report

Anna: See staff report

Zeke: See staff report.

Taylor: See staff report.

Visioning & Catechetical Faith Formation Planning

1. FFC continued ongoing discussion of how to best support K-8 Faith Formation and Catechists
 - Main goal: Recruit & Retain Catechists
 - Decision to provide MORE & Earlier Training & start Jan/Feb
 - Short witness talks at Mass
 - “Glimpse”-or short overview offered on a Saturday
 - Educational Workshops
 - Add a “Come & See” for parishioners during class time

- Mentoring**
- Mandatory Parent Involvement?
- Utilize more college & HS help
- Conduct thorough exit interviews for all non-returning catechists and one-on-one reviews for those staying on

Other Ideas:

- Combine classes.
 - Move Middle School to all Edge-style format
 - Set Min-Max class sizes and perhaps only try offering one night of the week.
2. Service as Component of Confirmation Classes: Anna
 - Anna is working on transitional documents
 - Archdiocese is clear on making service hrs mandatory
 - Anna welcomes ideas for group and possibly whole parish/multi-generational Service Projects.
 3. Staff Transition Update
 - Had 2 candidates, one already took a job elsewhere. Remaining candidate interviewing next week.
 - Contingency Plan in place if no-hire
 - In need of suggestions for Interns

Reports

Report from School Board: Neal Molitor

- School is simplifying wage matrix
- Partnering with Health & Wellness program 5210
- Working on a grant for School Garden
- New software program for tuition payment-FAX

Pastoral Council Update: Sarah Mansell

- Sarah greenlighted the 3 initiatives for FFC

Closing

- Prayer
- Next meeting Tuesday, December 11th at 7 p.m. in the St. Louis Room.
- Adjourned 8:45 p.m.
- Respectfully submitted by Elin Herrman