

# Faith Formation Commission Minutes

April 11, 2017

## Members present:

- Joe Baumgarten, FFC Chair
- Katie Patrizio, Director of Faith Formation
- Elin Herrman
- Anna Steele, High School Youth Ministry
- Paula Gallt, Secretary
- Fr. Jim Secora
- Zekiel Mientkiewicz, Middle School Ministry

## Members Absent:

- Patty Willadsen
- Kari Ricke, Vice Chair
- Mike Dolan, Catholic School Board liaison
- Darcie Tallman
- Elizabeth Stone, Assistant Director of Family Formation
- Deacon Alan Christy

## Opening

- Meeting began at 7pm
- Prayer led by Joe Baumgarten

## Business

- Approved March minutes – corrected Elin’s report as from the School Board and not Pastoral Council
- Update on finding a replacement for Elizabeth Stone. Position was approved for 40 hrs/week. The position has been advertised and the closing date is April 16. So far one applicant and one inquiry.
- Discussed Parish elections – Patty and Kari are ending their term with FFC
  - encourage those who would be good for the commission to run; nominations will be accepted until April 17<sup>th</sup>. So far 10 people have been nominated for FFC
- Joe reported on the last Pastoral Council meeting with the focus on facilities.
  - o Discussed space issues and the needs of the Parish.
  - o Concluded that, with some cooperation and creative thinking, we could make due with the existing space.
  - o Ideas:
    - Reach out to the STC school staff for ways that we can use the classrooms without disrupting the school set up.

- Make youth programs (e.g. Y-Disciple, CGS) in the church priorities for evening meetings since they do not have the option to meet at private homes.
  - Research other venues for “overflow” meetings. E.g. can we rent some space somewhere? The mall? The library? Can we use St. Peter and Paul facility?
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- Reviewed the 2017 Strategic Plan Initiatives for FFC
  - continued discussion on emphasis on young parents and reaching out to couples through marriage preparation as well as Baptism and First Communion.
  - started discussion and brainstorming for enhancing the Sunday Assembly for Holy Mass; how to get Mass introduction out to new members/families; how to implement programs for young children during Mass; enhancing music/hymns during Mass
    - agreed to focus on this more next month
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  - Inservice from the Leader’s Gram led by Joe
  - Next FFC meeting will be Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 7pm in the St. Louis Room

## Closing

- Adjourned 8:40pm
- Respectfully submitted by Paula Gallt