

Faith Formation Commission Minutes

January 17, 2017

Members Present:

- Joe Baumgarten, FCC Chair
- Kari Ricke, Vice Chair
- Darcie Tallman
- Elizabeth Stone, Assistant Director of Family Formation
- Elin Herrman
- Zekiel Mientkiewicz, Middle School Ministry

Members Absent:

- Katie Patrizio, Director of Faith Formation
- Patty Willadsen
- Anna Steele, High School Youth Ministry
- Paula Gallt, Secretary
- Fr. Jim Secora
- Deacon Alan Christy
- Mike Dolan, Catholic School Board liaison

Opening:

- Meeting began at 7:05 pm
- Prayer and in service led by Joe Baumgarten

Business

- Approved Nov. 29 meeting minutes
- Tabled the discussion about the survey results until next meeting. To create more efficiencies, it was decided to send out all staff reports and other attachments electronically prior to each meeting. This will allow members to review all reports and formulate questions prior to the meeting.
- The Man-Up event with Bishop Pates on Jan. 16 was canceled due to bad weather.
- Reviewed staff reports. Highlights:
 - Elizabeth is seeking two additional adult assistants for 2nd and 5th grade classes.
 - Zeke has been observing the MS catechists and has been very pleased.
 - Zeke has been visiting MS students at school during lunch time to help build relationships.
- Watched the 4th section of the video with Archbishop Jackels: Promoting vocations and priesthood.

- Brainstorming ideas after video:
 - Studies show that it's most effective to have an invitation to vocations at the age of 11 and 11th grade, called by name, Q &A sessions with priests
 - Display a board of the seminarians – prayer cards, bios
 - Invite seminarians to be here over summers
 - Display a board of engaged and key anniversary couples
 - Understanding my vocation – what should I be?
Discernment – overcoming doubt
 - Teach parents how to help their kids determine vocations
 - Follow up from events

Closing

- Prayer led by Joe Baumgarten
- Adjourned 8:30 pm
- Respectfully submitted by Darcie Tallman