

# Faith Formation Commission Minutes

May 9, 2017

## Members Present:

- Joe Baumgarten, FCC Chair
- Elin Herrman
- Darcie Tallman
- Zekiel Mientkiewicz, Middle School Ministry
- Katie Patrizio, Director of Faith Formation
- Fr. Jim Secora
- Anna Steele, High School Youth Ministry
- Jarrett Wendt
- Deacon Mark Bortle
- Deacon Ron Smith

## Members Absent:

- Paula Gallt, Secretary
- Kari Ricke, Vice Chair
- Patty Willadsen

## Opening:

- Meeting began at 7:00 pm
- Prayer and in service led by Joe Baumgarten

## Business:

- Approved April meeting minutes
- Idea: make free CD's of the 1 hour video of Fr. Secora's Mass 101.
- Discussed idea of introducing young couples to the Evangelical Catholic (EC) model through the marriage and baptism preparation.
- Marriage and EC:
  - Jarrett described the marriage preparation process for engaged couples (meeting with Father, meet with a sponsor couple, attend pre-cana or engaged encounter).
  - Katie described the EC model which consists of small groups and one-on-one mentoring. An EC leader initiates one-on-one discipleship and consistent follow up.
  - Sponsor couples are the natural connection in this process for building relationships.
  - Discussion revolved around teaching the values of the EC model to sponsor couples (if they aren't trained EC leaders) so they can foster relationships with the couples and invite them to a small group when/if it's appropriate.
  - It was discussed that fostering these types of intentional friendships takes time. Sponsor couples may only be able to have one couple.

- Going forward:
  - search for more sponsor couples (perhaps some that are already in EC)
  - invite sponsor couples into an EC small group
  - train the sponsor couples with “EC-lite”, just enough to expose them to the concepts and help us identify couples that might appreciate a calling into an EC group.
- Baptism and EC
  - The baptism process is more complicated because of the greater number of couples involved.
  - An idea presented was that once more small groups are formed, an EC leader could come to the baptism prep classes. The leader could share about his/her experience with EC, sit at a table and engage in discussion. After their interactions, the leader could discern who to personally engage and invite to a small group.
- Report from Joe on last Parish Council meeting.
- Replacement search for Elizabeth: The position is being widely advertised in search for applicants.
- Parish elections: There are two nominations for two open positions on the Faith Formation Commission.

Closing:

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