

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI FAITH FORMATION COUNCIL MINUTES

April 25, 2019

Council Members in Attendance: Jason Collins, David Dickson, Linda Gust, Steve Hedding, Molly Myers, Mary Wieser, Alison Zirbel (arrived at 7:00 pm)

Also Present: Faye Akers (briefly), Christen Cota (briefly), Rick Schraeger

Council Members Absent: Maureen Berger, Deb Barry, Fr. Ray McHenry

I. Call to Order at 6:32 by Jason Collins

II. Opening Prayer was the updated Parish Mission Prayer

III. Open Forum – Chris Aldinger, Director of Operations – moved to May meeting at 6:00 pm

IV. Approval of Agenda – Linda moved to approve agenda with revision of AFF to beginning of Staff Reports, David seconded, motion passed

V. Approval of Prior Meetings' Minutes – Steve moved to approve, Mary seconded, motion passed

VI. Pastoral Reports

- A. Pastoral Report – no report in Father's absence
- B. Pastoral Council Report – Pastoral Council wasn't allowed to see the budget either.

VII. Staff Reports

- A. Faye, AFF: question about decision to purchase Bibles without Epistles. Approved at Alpha meeting. Question about Acts 29; Father was approached by a parishioner and saw the six-minute video, which he would like to **show at the next FFC meeting**. Question about CRHP and whether Father attended the Continuation Committee meeting where terminology such as recruitment, sales and Catholic guilt were used in regards to attendance for CRHP. Faye encouraged them to concentrate on genuine invitations and an invitation mentality. Suggestion made to have Father get involved in personal invitations.
- B. Christen, YFF/FFO: New hire for Special Needs Coordinator. Great response from groups to host First Communion receptions. **Christen to provide results from evaluation of programming by Catechists, youth and parents. Christen to make sure Deb is also doing an evaluation of the parents and youth in the HSFF programs.**
- C. Deb, HSFF: absent

VIII. New Business

A. Subcommittee Reports –

- a. Adult Faith Formation Advisory Team (Alison, Dave, Linda and Mary)
 - i. Parish Mission – We now have a promotions team lead (Jody Mead). Still hoping to identify parishioners to take leadership roles in the planning of hospitality and service project. Promotions for the Mission will begin in May in the bulletin and on social media.
 - ii. Alpha – The Alpha Launch Team has completed the entire course! We closed the final evening with our first planning session for the fall. The planning team will meet again on June 27th. Promotions for Alpha will begin in May in the bulletin and on social media. Registration for the fall course will open July 1st. We are looking for additional Alpha Team Members. Mary and Alison to meet with Fr Trevor and Deacon Bill on the 30th to bring them in the loop with all things Alpha.

- b. Retreats and Missions Committee (Steve and Molly) no report
- c. Fellowship and Service Committee (Jason and Maureen) no report
- B. Discernment update – Jason Nurre and Kevin MacFerrin will be joining the FFC. We still have one spot open. Per the by-laws, **Father will appoint someone to the Council. Please send him names of people to recommend.** Mention made that perhaps a female would be the best fit since two males have discerned for the FFC. The new members will join us as guests at the June meeting. We will not meet in July.
- C. **All Council Retreat - will be August 25th at Raccoon River Nature Lodge from 1:00 – 4:00. Please mark your calendars now.** We will be having our August FFC meeting during that time. Each Council will communicate their plans to the other Councils and a theme for the year will be decided.

IX. Old Business

- A. FFC Planning Calendar: Self Evaluation of Council – **Council will complete evaluation and speak about it at next meeting.**
- B. FFC Planning Calendar: Goal Setting for following year – **will discuss based on our Self Evaluations of Council**
- C. FFC Planning Calendar: Updating of Long-Range Plan – AFF: Mission every other year on the odd years, Alpha to launch in Fall. YFF/HSFF: to be discussed/decided when evaluations are provided. **Alison to resend the proposal of the Youth Advisory Team to FFC.**
- D. FFC Planning Calendar: Return of Signed Agreements from Faith Formation Staff – no discussion

X. Concluding Comments

XI. Closing Prayer

XII. UPCOMING DATES: **Next Meeting – May 16, 2019 (6:00 pm for budget review, 6:30 for meeting)**

XII. Adjournment at 8:25 pm

Minutes submitted by Alison Zirbel