

**St. Francis of Assisi Faith Formation Council Minutes
August 25, 2019 All-Council Retreat**

Council Members present: Steve Heddinger, Alison Zirbel, David Dickson, Linda Gust, Kevin MacFerrin, Jason Nurre, Nicole Saegh, Mary Wieser

Council Members absent: Jason Collins

Others present: Fr. Ray McHenry (for a short time as he rotated to each Council break-out)

1. Discussion of presentation by Bo Bonner: Questions generated include-What is Faith Formation Council not?, What shouldn't Faith Formation Council be?, How well are we doing?, Does St. Francis parish host sign-ups or is St. Francis parish inviting? Discussion included that while we, as a parish, have made progress at being a mission parish, we still have work to do and we need to constantly ask ourselves, as a Council, these questions. There is concern that some parishioners are tired of all the 'hospitality', that it all seems the same, or is not sincere. This was countered that we are trying to become a parish of radical hospitality, and while this takes time, the goal is for all who enter St. Francis to feel welcome.
2. Alpha update: Begins this Thursday, August 29. 8 tables of 8 people each (6 participants, 1 table leader, 1 table helper), only a couple openings left. Training for hosts and helpers complete. Possible 'snowbird' session being considered for daytime following weekday Mass.
3. Parish Mission update: All volunteer leadership in position. All teams making progress toward goals for Mission week.
4. Current/New Subcommittees: Current-Mission, Retreats, Adult Faith Formation Advisory Team, and Service & Fellowship. New-Youth Faith Formation Advisory Team. Potential-Coffee & Donut point person, Pulpit Talk point person, FFC volunteer point person (maybe these 3 could be one Council member who takes responsibility for securing Faith Formation Council members for these opportunities, so as to take this burden away from Faith Formation staff?) **All Faith Formation Council members need to think about subcommittees and be prepared to discuss needs for new subcommittees or changes to existing subcommittees at September Faith Formation Council meeting.**
5. **Next meeting: September 19, 2019, 6:30 pm All Faith Formation Council members need to read and be prepared to discuss Divine Renovation, Introduction: House of Cards, pp. 9-12.**