

**St. Francis of Assisi Faith Formation Council Minutes  
November 21, 2019**

Council members present: Steve Hedding, Alison Zirbel, Jason Collins, David Dickson, Linda Gust, Kevin MacFerrin, Jason Nurre, Nicole Saegh

Council member absent: Mary Wieser

Clergy and Staff present: Fr. Ray McHenry, Faye Akers, Christen Cota

Staff absent: Christy Peletz

Pastoral Council liaison present: Charlie Graham

1. Call to Order-6:31 by Steve Hedding
2. Opening Prayer-Divine Renovation prayer
3. Divine Renovation Discussion-meaning of the word 'mission' as it applies to each parishioner discussed as well as final paragraph on page 41. **Read Chapter 3, *House of Pain: The Experience of a Maintenance Church*, pp. 43-58, look over reading guide, pp. 8-9, and be prepared for discussion at December Faith Formation Council meeting.\***
4. Open Forum-none
5. Approval of Agenda-David moved to approve agenda, Nicole seconded, motion passed.
6. Approval of Minutes-Jason Collins moved to approve October minutes, Kevin seconded, motion passed.
7. Pastor Report-
  1. Fr. John Riccardo is in town for The Veil Removed, December 7, still waiting to hear from him regarding bringing Acts XXIX to St. Francis.
  2. Advent theme-Armor of Light
  3. Job offer accepted for new Director of Operations, hope to start in December or January
  4. Diocesan school meeting held resulting in decision to divide Des Moines Diocese into three school regions. Many details to be worked out before fully implemented.
8. Staff Reports-

YFF/FFO-After discussion, David moved to clarify and maintain current policy of free tuition for children of full-time St. Francis employees, Nicole seconded, motion carried. Discussion of issues regarding communication of Faith Formation events.

HSFF-no discussion

AFF-Faye reported that a password is no longer needed to log in to Formed website. The board in the gathering space is updated with names and faces of new candidates and catechumens.
9. Pastoral Council Liaison Report-Charlie reported on Meals from the Heartland packaging event, bulletin vetting, security, usher sashes, and no Pastoral Council meeting in December due to serving dinner at St. Joseph Family Shelter.
10. New Business-
  1. AFF Advisory-next meeting December 9
  2. Parish Mission-only 6 negative responses out of 57 total.
  3. Alpha-good feedback from fall session, clergy will be more inviting throughout December. Discussion of 'what's next', especially for Catholics who have questions regarding Church teaching.
  4. Retreats/CRHP-no report
  5. YFF Advisory-Christen is ready to begin forming team.
11. Old Business-
  1. FFC hosting Coffee and Donuts December 15 after 8 and 9:30 Masses-**still need 1-2 more people to help after 8:00 Mass\***-hard to say we are 'hosting' if we are not there!
  2. Youth Bible Study-4th-8th grade, first session January 5. Discussion of registration, emailing families, bulletin notice, and attendance capacity (10-12 youth) followed.

12. Chairman Report-
  1. Next meeting December 19, 2019, at 6:30 pm, 90 minute maximum
  2. Meals from the Heartland December 14 here at St. Francis, sign-up information in bulletin
  3. Chapter 3 book discussion facilitator at December meeting is Nicole
13. Closing Prayer led by Fr. Ray
14. Adjourn 7:59 pm

\*Please note action items in bold text.