

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI FAITH FORMATION COUNCIL MINUTES

August 16, 2018

Council Members in Attendance: Jason Collins, Mary Wieser, Steve Hedding, David Dickson, Linda Gust, Maureen Berger (15 min. late), Molly Myers (30 min. late)

Also Present: Christen Cota, Deb Barry, Rick Schraeger

Council Members Absent: Alison Zirbel

Others Absent: Faye Akers, Fr. Ray McHenry

I. Call to Order

II. Opening Prayer was led by Jason Collins

III. Open Forum – N/A

IV. Approval of Agenda – Mary moved to approve, Maureen seconded, motion passed

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

VI. Pastoral Report – Rick reported that the new Chairperson is Garrett Hill

VII. Staff Reports

- A. Christen, YFF: several new registrations since report was written; 6 additional catechists since report was written; on-line registration a good thing as it brought earlier numbers of registrants even though the number of registrants is about the same as this time last year; catechetical Sunday is approaching; RE meet and greet on Sept. 5, 4:30-5:45 and 6:15-7:30, Christen asked for FFC volunteers to help with cookies that evening
- B. Deb, HSFF: 119 students registered in 2019 confirmation class, 25 parents involved, 14 groups and 1 at-home group; pulpit talks brought in 23 adults to help with FISH; youth room has a new look; video/slideshow of summer trip will be sent out via email to FFC members to view
- C. Faye absent, AFF, but Christen added to the AFF report: Fr. Basil (Orthodox priest) will come to SFA to talk about our 5 icons in our church, details to come

VIII. New Business

- A. Election of officers - Discussion ensued with Maureen 'no need to change/disruption of momentum'; Rick 'vice chair assumes chair on Pastoral Council'; David 'if Jason is on another year, then off his 3rd year, he could be chair his 4th year on FCC'; Jason 'no, I wouldn't want that'—Steve moved to maintain Jason as Chair, Steve as vice-chair, and Alison as secretary, Molly seconded, motion passed.

IX. Old Business

- A. Form New Subcommittees-
 - a. Discussion ensued with Christen 'by-laws say no meeting without pastor or his representative attending, I talked to Fr. Trevor, but Thursday is his day off'; Mary 'Fr. Ray said to meet at our last meeting'—This subject will be moved to new business next month

- b. Fellowship/Service-Rick wanted clarification regarding this committee as these already exist in the parish, question came up-where do these committees exist? no definite answer to this question, Christen had a suggestion for Advent with a movie on the Nativity, Francisfest was mentioned with FFC getting more involved
- c. AFF Advisory-question, why no YFF or HSFF advisory? curriculum comes from diocesan-approved list
- d. Mary moved we establish 3 new sub-committees (Fellowship and Service, Adult Faith Formation Advisory Team, and Retreats) with Faith Formation Council members serving on at least one sub-committee each year of membership, Steve seconded, motion passed. Council Members will discern sub-committee commitments at September meeting.
- B. Bylaws-Discussion of original Article IV, Item C (staff serves as ex-officio, non-voting members...) back into bylaws. Second reading of amended bylaws at September meeting.
- C. Staff Presence-Discussion Maureen 'executive sessions should be very rare', staff shouldn't be 'put on the spot' or 'caught off guard' Christen 'this could build walls, create conflict, it is part of our job to be here'
- D. FFC Calendar-Discussion with questions regarding review job descriptions, budgeting, marketing, policy revisions, terminations, feedback, and end-of-year celebrations. Christen, Deb, and Faye to review calendar and move items to the months that align with their activities and send back to FFC
- E. Catechetical Sunday-September 16-question, should FFC host coffee and doughnuts? Also asked, should there be cookies (or something else?) after Mass on September 15? Jason will send email regarding catechetical Sunday
- F. Diocesan Director of Faith Formation-Mary will contact John Gaffney to invite him to speak to FFC during Open Forum at next meeting

X. Concluding Comments –

- A. Should we consider moving FFC to different day of the week? Discussion that this would be better for Faye and Fr. Trevor. This subject will be moved to new business next month
- B. Jason mentioned that Father Ray requested a joint meeting of all councils to be held Sunday, August 26, from 1-4 pm in the Serra Room
- C. Christen or Deb mentioned a book titled *The Amazing Parish* as a good read for FFC

XI. Closing Prayer

XII. UPCOMING DATES: Next Meeting –September 20th, 2018 with Steve presiding in Jason's absence

XII. Adjournment motion by Dave, seconded by Steve, motion passed at 8:35 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Linda Gust