

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI FAITH FORMATION COUNCIL MINUTES

January 18, 2018

Meeting began at 6:33 pm and ended at 8:26 pm.

Council Members in Attendance: Jason Collins, Dave Dickson, Linda Gust, Steve Hedding, Mary Wieser, Alison Zirbel

Also Present: Fr. Andrew Windshittl, Christen Cota, Deb Barry, Faye Akers, Rick Schraeger (Pastoral Council liaison)

Council Member Absent: Maureen Berger, Molly Myers

I. Call to Order by Jason Collins

II. Opening Prayer

III. Open Forum – Mary Purtle presented an idea for a four-day Parish Mission. Title is “The Message and Devotion of Divine Mercy: Why is it so important to our times?” Speaker is Fr. Chris Alar.

IV. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve Agenda with typo correction to Mission Statement - Linda Gust, Second – Mary Wieser. Passed: Unanimous.

V. Approval of Prior Meetings’ Minutes with removal of Rick Schraeger who was accidentally listed as present: Motion to approve December Minutes – Dave Dickson, Second – Steve Hedding. Passed: Unanimous.

VI. Pastoral Report given by Fr. Andrew – no report

VII. Staff Reports

- A. Director of Youth Faith Formation report given by Christen Cota
 - a. Question about the decision to have 7th and 8th graders be lectors. Answer was to get them more involved.
 - b. Question about the LoveEd program being reviewed and if it would be a part of Wednesday nights. Answer was no, it would be separate, mainly a resource for parents. There would be two on-site gatherings and the remainder of the program would be done at home. Steve Hedding, Mary Wieser and Alison Zirbel have volunteered to be a part of the LoveEd review process.
 - c. Mary Wieser mentioned the Circle of Grace as a program to check out.
- B. Director of High School Faith Formation report given by Deb Barry
 - a. Question about how confirmation dates are chosen. Answer was the Bishop’s office. We have very little say in the date and it must be during Ordinary Time.

C. Director of Adult Faith Formation report prepared by Faye Akers

- a. the Arise program was discussed. We are doing a pilot program and encouraging small groups to partake. We are not doing training or a formal program because there wasn't enough notice to make that happen.

VIII. New Business

A. Evaluations Sub-Committee presented the first draft of a survey to roll-out to the Parish on Ash Wednesday. Feedback is to be sent to Alison. Suggestions were to meet with St. Boniface, Sam Martin and Fr Ray for feedback as well.

B. Discussion of Divine Mercy Parish Mission: Concerns were raised about the logistics to make it happen because a Mission takes a lot of volunteers to pull off. Another concern is finding a date on the calendar. The sense of the Council is that we like the topic and support pursuing it.

IX. Old Business – None

X. Concluding Comments: Because the March meeting will fall during spring break, it has been moved to March 22nd instead.

XI. Closing Prayer

XII. UPCOMING DATES: Next Meeting – February 15, 2018 at 6:30 pm

Minutes submitted by Alison Zirbel