

St. Francis of Assisi Faith Formation Council Minutes

September 21, 2017 Meeting

Council Members Present: Jason Collins, Mary Wieser, Linda Gust, David Dickson, Steve Hedding, Maureen Berger, Alison Zirbel

Staff Present: Faye Akers, Deb Barry and Christen Cota

Also Present: Dr. Matthew Halbach, Fr. Ray McHenry, Rick Schraeger (Pastoral Council Liaison)

Council Member Absent: Molly Myers

- Discussions on Seasons of Adult Faith Formation Book chapter 1.
- Discussion on St. John's parish focus group documents. It was mentioned to possibly contact Kelly from St. John's about their plan and what they found.
- Motion made and seconded to approve minutes of August meeting.
- Motion made and seconded to approve current policies in place by other boards until this council has the chance to review them.
- Faith Story sharing by Steve Hedding
- Report given by Christen regarding Youth Faith Formation (YFF)
 - Discussion regarding the education of the youth about Adoration before they attend Adoration. Christen reported that Fr. Andrew will be giving an introduction before Adoration takes place in October.
 - Blessed (a program from Dynamic Catholic about Reconciliation and First Communion) is on order with plans to review for possible adaptation in the 2018-19 academic year.
 - Question was raised about the families that didn't return to YFF at St. Francis for this academic year and feedback was that scheduling was the main concern.
- Report given by Deb Barry regarding High School Faith Formation
 - A time change has been made to the Friday November 3rd confirmation from 6:00 pm to 5:00 pm
- Report given by Faye Akers regarding Adult Faith Formation
 - Requested volunteers for pulpit talks on FORMED (Mary Wieser was taking 4:30 pm, Linda Gust 8:00 am, Steve Hedding 9:30 am, Maureen Berger 11:15 am)
 - There will be an Open House on October 1st during Francis Fest – please be there!
- New Business
 - Policies approved by the Board of Education over previous years will need to be reviewed by the Faith Formation Council.
 - Decide on terms of council members. There are currently eight members, but will eventually add a ninth member. The proposed solution was to stagger 1/3, 1/3, 1/3. Two members on the council for two years, three members for three years and three members for four years. Add the ninth member when two members rotate out in two years. Discuss at next meeting and take volunteers for the different terms.
 - A vice chair needs to be determined.
 - Officer terms will be one year, but the first year of this council is considered a formation year, so it will be two years.
 - Assessment/focus group to be completed by the end of Lent.
 - Voting procedures
- Action Items
 - Christen Cota to send existing YFF policies to Jason Collins
 - Feedback on REACH proposal (carryover from previous month)