

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI FAITH FORMATION COUNCIL MINUTES

December 21, 2017

Meeting began at 6:40 pm and ended at 8:17 pm.

Council Members in Attendance: Fr. Ray McHenry, Maureen Berger, Jason Collins, Dave Dickson, Linda Gust, Steve Hedding, Molly Myers, Alison Zirbel

Also Present: Fr. Ray McHenry, Christen Cota, Deb Barry

Council Member Absent: Mary Wieser

I. Call to Order by Jason Collins

II. Opening Prayer

III. Description given by Jason Collins in regards to Open Forum portion of the agenda. It will be on each agenda in the case that we have a guest attending.

IV. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve Agenda - Linda Gust, Second - Molly Myers. Passed: Unanimous.

V. Approval of Prior Meetings' Minutes: Motion to approve September and October Minutes - Steve Hedding, Second - Molly Myers. Passed: Unanimous.

VI. Pastoral Report given by Fr. Ray McHenry – Annual Diocesan Appeal will be short this year, but we don't have amounts yet.

VII. Staff Reports

A. Director of Youth Faith Formation report given by Christen Cota

- a. Explanation of new title for the Sunday School Faith Formation position will be Early Childhood Faith Formation Coordinator. The position has been offered to and accepted by Jill Klubek Alonzo. The title reflects that in the future, we hope to offer toddler curriculum. For now, she will be concentrating on the Sunday School program, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd on Sundays and bringing Children's Liturgy of the Word back.
- b. Explanation on numbers of enrolled students and how it fluctuates throughout the year as families move and people enroll throughout the year.
- c. Shared report that was presented to Bishop Pates about the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization. Described how this is a pivotal moment in the Church.

B. Director of High School Faith Formation report given by Deb Barry

- a. Described the Nun Run

- b. Spoke of how this is a transitional year for FISH
 - c. As FISH attendance hopefully expands in the future, space will be an issue. We need a warm and inviting space for our youth to congregate.
- C. Director of Adult Faith Formation report prepared by Faye Akers (absent)
- a. We all agreed to her Faye's suggestion to move the Rites of RCIA to other masses rather than all at 8:00 am.

VIII. New Business

- A. Approval of By-Laws: Motion to approve By-Laws dated December 21, 2017 - Linda Gust, second -Steve Hedding. Passed: Unanimous.
- B. Confirmation of Terms: Motion to confirm terms as documented in the October Minutes – Steve Hedding, Second – Molly Myers. Passed: Unanimous.
- C. Election of Officers Motion to have temporary Officers become official Officers – Dave Dickson, Second: Linda Gust. Passed: Unanimous
- D. Evaluations: Establish a working committee to proceed with Parish Assessment. Molly Myers, Linda Gust, Mary Wieser and Alison Zirbel will make up the committee. The goal is to come up with questions to ask and a process in which to do it with a timeline expectation of doing the assessment during Lent.

IX. Old Business – None

X. Concluding Comments: Thank you to Dr. Matt Halbach for his guidance and leadership as we formed this Council. Suggestion was made to keep the Council in our personal prayers.

XI. Closing Prayer

XII. UPCOMING DATES: Next Meeting – January 18, 2018 at 6:30 pm

Minutes submitted by Alison Zirbel