

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI FAITH FORMATION COUNCIL MINUTES

March 22, 2018

Meeting began at 6:30 pm and ended at 8:36 pm.

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

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

Council Members Absent: none

I. Call to Order by Jason Collins

II. Opening Prayer

III. Open Forum – used as a time of continuing Formation

IV. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve Agenda - Steve Hedding, Second – Mary Wieser. Passed: Unanimous.

V. Approval of Prior Meetings' Minutes: Motion to approve February Minutes – Linda Gust, Second – Molly Myers. Passed: Unanimous.

VI. Pastoral Report given by Fr. Ray – The Annual Diocesan Appeal for this year is \$334,000. He will be attending the Chrism Mass to receive the oils on March 23, 2018. The Divine Mercy retreat is on hold because it doesn't sound like the dates the Parish has available line up with when the speaker desired is available. Chris Aldinger will begin on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

VII. Staff Reports

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

- a. The upcoming registration for the 2018-19 school year will be available online for the first time. Registration begins on April 3<sup>rd</sup> for CGS and April 9<sup>th</sup> for all YFF programs. Because of the online format, the Catechist of the Good Shepherd (CGS) program will not be a lottery system as previously mentioned.
- b. Christen and Father Ray spoke about the new role that has been developed: Director of Faith Formation. Christen, as the new Director will now report to Father on behalf of all Faith Formation positions. The goal, which came about as a result of the visioning process from a few years ago, is to decrease the amount of direct reports to Father. When asked if the Faith Formation Council should expect any other staff or major changes as a result of the visioning process, Father said "we are pretty much there now". When asked why we wouldn't have an additional staff member as Director of YFF since Christen will be busy as

the overall Director, Father said he doesn't see that as a need at this point in time.

- c. A question was raised about why the Confirmation numbers are higher than the First Communion numbers. The explanation is that the Parish isn't as young as it once was and this particular second grade class is a bit smaller than its neighboring grades.
  - d. A Coordinator for Vacation Bible School has been hired. Rachel Thompson is the new coordinator. Registration will begin on April 16<sup>th</sup>.
- B. Director of High School Faith Formation report given by Deb Barry
- a. Information was shared about the Nun Run and what a great experience it was.
- C. Director of Adult Faith Formation report given by Faye Akers
- a. Question asked about the cost of FORMED. Answer: \$1,700/year. It was mentioned that there are a lot of similar products to FORMED available now, but we should give FORMED at least two full years before discussing another option.

#### VIII. New Business

- A. Intentional planning for speakers, missions, retreats, calendars. – Move to Old Business for next meeting.
- B. FISH (Fellowship in Spirit with Him) restructure – on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month September through April, FISH is available for any 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade youth. A new schedule was developed by Deb in an effort to give each youth what they're seeking and in turn will help with the space issues. After opening prayer, she will have breakout sessions available (Discussion, Games, Service) and they will gather back together for reflection, announcements and closing prayer. Motion to approve this new plan – Dave Dickson, second – Alison Zirbel. Passed: unanimously.
- C. Space concerns for FISH – addressed from Deb's new schedule, for now.
- D. Communication between Councils and Committees – a suggestion was made for there to be all-council retreat/meeting at least twice a year to keep the lines of communication flowing. Topic moved to Old Business for next month's meeting so that we can discuss when Rick (Pastoral Council Liaison) is present as well.

#### IX. Old Business

- A. Assessment Subcommittee Report: The Survey Monkey Assessment will stay open through March 28<sup>th</sup>, so the EDGE youth can participate at Youth Faith Formation on the 28<sup>th</sup>. The subcommittee will meet and dig into the results so that we can have feedback to relay

to the FFC at the April meeting. Father will ask Tom what budget the \$100 prize cost should come from.

X. Concluding Comments: The April meeting will coincide with First Communion Rehearsal, so Christen and Father Ray will miss the first half of the meeting. Alison will also miss most of the next meeting, so Molly will take notes.

XI. Closing Prayer

XII. UPCOMING DATES: Next Meeting – April 19, 2018 at 6:30 pm

Minutes submitted by Alison Zirbel