

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI FAITH FORMATION COUNCIL MINUTES

November 15, 2018

Council Members in Attendance: Maureen Berger (arrived at 7:00), Jason Collins, David Dickson, Linda Gust (left at 8:00), Molly Myers, Mary Wieser, Alison Zirbel

Also Present: Fr. Ray McHenry (left at 8:00), Christen Cota

Council Members Absent: Steve Hedding

Others Absent: Deb Barry, Faye Akers, Rick Schraeger

I. Call to Order at 6:32 by Jason Collins

II. Opening Prayer was led by Jason Collins

III. Open Forum – Jerry Dryer presented about Adoration. He wondered if an Adoration training would be beneficial to St. Francis parishioners who might be unfamiliar with it. Questions raised – who teaches the training session? Who attends? How do we reach those that we are trying to target? Father shared that there might be a second day of Adoration offered each month. He has received the Bishop's approval for the additional day. A suggestion mentioned was to do the training on a day that Adoration is already taking place and structure it as train/adore/stay for Benediction. Discussion regarding location of the Blessed Sacrament – should it move to the Chapel? Reactions were mixed. Jerry will contact Deacon Bill for feedback from the Liturgy Committee.

IV. Approval of Agenda with dates corrected – David moved to approve, Linda seconded, motion passed

V. Approval of Prior Meetings' Minutes with Indian changed to Asian-Indian – David moved to approve, Molly seconded, motion passed

VI. Pastoral Reports

- A. Pastoral Report – Decision made regarding cancellation policy. If St. Francis School cancels or releases early due to weather, then the entire campus will close.
- B. Pastoral Council Report – no report

VII. Staff Reports

- A. Christen, YFF: The feedback for the decision to spread First Communion between two weekends has been positive and the feedback for youth masses has been positive. Suggestion was made to include the youth mass time on the website and other publications where area mass times are posted. There was a discussion about the vocations celebration and why Iowa religious communities weren't present. Christen contacted the Iowa communities.
- B. Christen, HSFF: Question raised about the three additional youth added for Confirmation. They are caught up.
- C. Christen, AFF: no questions

VIII. New Business

- A. Subcommittee Reports –
 - a. Adult Faith Formation Advisory Team (Alison, Dave, Linda and Mary) The team met with the purpose of beginning stages of planning a Parish Mission. Linda wrote our first Mission prayer and developed the beginnings of a Mission prayer team. The team discussed a few options for Mission

topics/speakers and decided to propose a speaker named Dan DeMatte to the Council. Father gave his initial approval to the speaker pending Diocesan approval. Motion made by Mary to move forward with Dan DeMatte as the speaker for a Parish Mission, Linda seconded, motion passed. Alison to contact the Diocese for approval. There was discussion about Alpha in a Catholic Context and the possibility of rolling it out after the Mission. The team needs more information about Alpha before proceeding. Mary and Alison volunteered to look at the Alpha materials and meet with the participants from the pilot program at St. Francis.

- b. Retreats and Missions Committee (Steve and Molly)
 - i. Molly reported that Steve spoke to Dynamic Catholic about CRHP 2.0 aka Welcome. There are not a lot of substantial changes to the program, so it won't be the answer to a new retreat program at St. Francis. Father will look for what Indianola did after they concluded with CRHP. Steve and Molly attended the CRHP Continuation Committee meeting in November. They will have a meeting with two members of the Continuation Committee and Father to discuss further.
 - c. Fellowship and Service Committee (Jason and Maureen) reported that they have not met. Will report at next FFC meeting.
- B. Review of Faith Formation Planning Meeting – The Faith Formation Office held their first planning meeting. They discussed the structure of the office and how they will collaborate in the future. They will have weekly meetings. Ultimately a five-year, three-year and one-year plan will come out of this. The Sacraments will all be recorded by one staff person. The traction organizer is being utilized. Based on the Issues List of the traction organizer, Alison suggested the development of a Youth Faith Formation Advisory Team (similar to what the Adult Faith Advisory Team is doing) that could help with some of those issues. Will put it on the next agenda to discuss the idea further.
- C. Coffee and Donuts on December 2nd– pulpit talks are covered. Photograph taken. Molly, Linda and Alison to finalize print out for the tables. Volunteers for serving are Linda and Mary at 8:00 and Dave, Maureen, Molly and Alison at 9:30.

IX. Old Business

- A. FFC Planning Calendar- Mary Wieser will ask Faye where on agenda to have liturgical topics from calendar. This is a working document. Motion by Mary, seconded by Dave and motion passed to use document for planning for the Faith Formation Council.

X. Concluding Comments

- A. Alison mentioned that FrancisFest and the Mission being in the same time frame could be problematic for parish volunteers and resources. The Council understands that decisions regarding FrancisFest are not their's to make, but collaboration and discussion are needed for both the Mission and FrancisFest to be successful. Discussion with Father is necessary.
- B. Prayers for Lucy Almeida and family and Betty Barry and family.

XI. Closing Prayer

XII. UPCOMING DATES: Next Meeting – December 20, 2018

XII. Adjournment at 8:33 pm

Minutes submitted by Alison Zirbel