

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI FAITH FORMATION COUNCIL MINUTES

October 18, 2018

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

Also Present: Faye Akers, Deb Barry, Christen Cota, Rick Schraeger (pastoral council liaison)

Council Members Absent: Maureen Berger

Others Absent: Fr. Ray McHenry (appointed Steve Hedding as his representative)

I. Call to Order at 6:30 by Jason Collins

II. Opening Prayer was led by Jason Collins with all in attendance sharing

III. Open Forum – None

IV. Approval of Agenda – Steve moved to approve, David seconded, motion passed

V. Approval of Prior Meetings' Minutes – Linda moved to approve, Steve seconded, motion passed

VI. Pastoral Reports

- A. Pastoral Report – Steve checked with Father to confirm he has no report
- B. Pastoral Council Report – Rick said Pastoral Council did not meet this month and he has no report

VII. Staff Reports

- A. Christen, YFF: asked what Faith Formation Planning Meeting will be about. Response it's a Faith Formation Staff meeting now that the new structure and office space has been in place for a year. They will be getting to know each other's roles and responsibilities to further collaborate with one another. Feedback will be reported to the FFC at the November FFC meeting. Asked if we follow up with families that no longer use our Faith Formation programming. Response yes, via email and sometimes phone. Usually there is no response from them and most don't give concrete feedback. Asked if the previous CGS families who aren't able to get in to CGS are leaving the Parish as a result. Response not sure, but probably not. There is a waiting list of 18 children for the Level I on Sundays. When some families have been offered an opening for Level I on Wednesdays, they decline because they only want Sunday. Current CGS families are given the opportunity to register early. When asked if there is an action plan for the substitute list on Wednesday nights, response was bulletin, email and personal invitation when appropriate. We have three permanent substitutes for the late session. Still need more for the early session. With smaller class sizes, we can combine two classes as a last resort.
- B. Deb, HSFF: asked how it's going now that Confirmation has taken place; will many of those filter into FISH. Response was some, not a lot. There seems to be a strong draw to the service/mission projects offered perhaps because of silver cord hours. She encourages them to bring a friend on Wednesdays nights, but doesn't seem to be happening. Asked about One Bread One Cup conference. Response no details yet. Asked about chemo care kits. She took them to Mercy Care Center. Asked if Nun Run is to St. Louis. Response no, she is working with Fr Ross. It will be during spring break. She would like to rotate on a four-year basis where they visit, so there is no repeat in that four-year timeframe.
- C. Faye, AFF: Request in report for a Council to promote FORMED to the Parish. Visits to the FORMED site are down. We've committed to another year of FORMED, so in an effort to have fair numbers to look at a year from now, we should do a marketing push. Council supported the idea. Faye will get approval for a pulpit talk. The following are tentative volunteers or the pulpit talks: Mary 4:30, Linda 8:00, Steve 9:30, Jason 11:15. Request in report for a Council member to coordinate the Coffee & Donuts on December 3rd. It's an

opportunity to promote the Council and what we do. Molly, Mary and Alison will coordinate table flyer with a photograph and description. Faye has an Adult Faith program to promote on the other side of table flyer. At November meeting, Council members will volunteer to assist at 8:00 and/or 9:30 masses. A few updates since report was distributed: there is a Happy Hour event on February 18th at St. Francis with a mass and speaker. At Faye's meeting with Katie Evans, she learned there will be a Faith Formation feature in the Parish Newsletter in January or February. Katie is also doing a podcast with Fr. Trevor two times per month.

VIII. New Business

A. Subcommittee Reports –

- a. Adult Faith Formation Advisory Team (Alison, Dave, Linda and Mary) reported they will meet quarterly with Faye. Purposely designed to line-up the meetings prior to Faye and Heather's quarterly planning meetings. The team will be the five people for now (including Faye), but could grow to a team of eight in the future with a specific target of bringing those to the team that represent other demographics (ie: Young Adult and Asian-Indian). At the first meeting, it was decided the immediate need for Adult Faith Formation is a Parish Mission. Proposed a Parish Mission for Fall 2019 and with the intention of having one every other year on the odd (non-Christ Our Life Conference) years. Also proposed a parish-wide Advent event for the even years and a parish-wide Book Study for Lent.
- b. Retreats and Missions Committee (Steve and Molly) reported that the Adult Faith Team proposals match up well with their discussion regarding Mission and parish-wide events.
 - i. Next steps for a Parish Mission to happen in 2019: the core team will consist of the two sub-committees (Alison, Dave, Linda, Mary, Molly, Steve). Next steps - develop a prayer team, define a topic, meet with Father about topic and date. Faye will provide us with the structure used for the 2016 Parish Mission.
 - ii. Committee reported that based on survey results, parishioners want more retreats, especially a non-CRHP retreat and youth retreat. Steve and Molly will sit down with Deb Barry to discuss a youth retreat before moving forward on that idea. In regards to a non-CRHP retreat, it is very likely that the same people seeking a retreat at St. Francis are those that aren't eligible to attend CRHP. CRHP works very hard to get the small numbers of attendees they get. In regards to the future of CRHP, the recommendation is that CRHP discontinues and a new retreat format is brought to St. Francis. They will reach out to Sacred Heart about Welcome (CRHP 2.0) and see how that's going. They will attend the next CRHP Continuation Committee meeting and report back at the next FFC meeting. The Council supports the recommendation of the subcommittee.
- c. Fellowship and Service Committee (Jason and Maureen) reported that they will be contacting the Parish Life Committee before proceeding. Will report further at next FFC meeting.

- B. Review dates for next calendar year – March and April meeting dates fall on Spring Break and Holy Thursday respectively. Decided to move meetings for those two months to the following Thursdays at 6:30 – March 28, 2019 and April 25, 2019. August 15, 2019 is a Holy Day. Will revisit at a later time, but might need to move that to August 22, 2019.
- C. Adoration Training Session – tabled for now.

IX. Old Business

- A. FFC Planning Calendar- Mary Wieser will meet with Christen, Deb and Faye on Tuesday October 23, 2018 at 1:00 pm to update the calendar with their input.

X. Concluding Comments

XI. Closing Prayer

XII. UPCOMING DATES: Next Meeting –November 15, 2018

XII. Adjournment

Minutes submitted by Alison Zirbel