

## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI FAITH FORMATION COUNCIL MINUTES

February 21, 2019

Council Members in Attendance: Maureen Berger (arrived at 7:15), Jason Collins, David Dickson, Linda Gust, Mary Wieser, Alison Zirbel

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

Council Members Absent: Steve Hedding, Molly Myers

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

II. Opening Prayer was the updated Parish Mission Prayer

III. Open Forum – N/A

IV. Approval of Agenda – Dave moved to approve agenda, Linda seconded, motion passed

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

VI. Pastoral Reports

- A. Pastoral Report – We have a 9% bump in our ADA, talks will start early and will come from the Diocese and the Finance Council; church lighting is getting fixed; Lent is upon us; new purple vestments arrived following the plan of ordering one new set per year, old vestments still in good shape were taken to a small church in South Africa; CRHP weekends will continue as planned, numbers were low but ended up filling in, there will be a subcommittee of the CRHP Continuation Team to review course of action for future, someone from FFC should be included in the subcommittee; all Councils will meet jointly in August, no separate meetings that month.
- B. Pastoral Council Report – reminder about upcoming discernment of councils

VII. Staff Reports

- A. Christen, YFF/FFO: Will missed religious education classes be made up? No because attendance is already low in April, so to extend into May would be even lower attendance. Also scheduling for space and calendar at the Parish would be difficult at this point. We will encourage parents to utilize online resources to make up those classes at home. Second grade Eucharist prep will all still be covered by merging lessons together. How was the decision made to split children for the First Communion masses? Attempted to have a nice balance/blend with school/YFF kids. There are 8 or 9 out of sequence people receiving First Communion. Annual evaluations for staff have been completed and filed. The parish library is behind a locked door and inaccessible most of the time. What should be done with it? Discussion regarding the library will continue at the next FFC meeting. VBS registration will start March 4<sup>th</sup>.
- B. Deb, HSFF: Will visit five convents and one college in the Kansas City area on spring break trip. 20-25 kids attend FISH each week. Deb met with Amy Thorson from Alpha about the Alpha Youth Series we will roll out in the fall. Deb has completed the Alpha Builder, plans to use adult volunteers to start and involve youth in the leadership eventually, looking at what will come next when Alpha is complete.
- C. Faye, AFF: Faye and Heather put together a list of faith study materials available for parishioners to use in a pamphlet, will also be posted on website; 40 are registered for Rethink Poverty Simulation – want 50 max is 80.

VIII. New Business

- A. Subcommittee Reports –
  - a. Adult Faith Formation Advisory Team (Alison, Dave, Linda and Mary)

- i. Parish Mission – Mary and Alison met with various staff members about mission plans and also had a phone conversation with the speaker (Dan DeMatte). He agreed to arrive Saturday evening the 12<sup>th</sup> of October and be available for mass promotion on Sunday and youth event on Sunday afternoon the 13<sup>th</sup>. He will meet with SFA school children, staff and weekday mass goers in ancillary events on Monday and Tuesday. Emily Schmid is taking the lead on the music component. Becca Bahl is taking the lead on the childcare component. Alison will present to WINGS group about finding a hospitality lead. Blake Riffel will take the lead on promotions. Please spread the word that this year’s parish mission will be a welcome atmosphere for youth, especially middle school and high school aged youth.
  - ii. Alpha – The Alpha Launch Team has already had three sessions of the Alpha experience and it’s going well. Mary, Alison and Addie Magruder had a conference call with Mary Guifoyle from Our Lady of Good Counsel (Father John Riccardo’s parish) about how they did Alpha. She has is their Alpha Coordinator and they have been doing Alpha for six years. We learned that they did Alpha exactly as Alpha is designed. Mary G said not to concentrate on altering the Alpha program, but to just do it as designed and instead concentrate on being prepared for what happens after Alpha.
- b. Retreats and Missions Committee (Steve and Molly)
  - i. Steve provided a written report about the CRHP Leadership Dinner. Since CRHP signups are low, a leadership dinner was organized to revitalize CRHP. There are views across the spectrum on what the future of CRHP should be at St. Francis. Steve, Tony Calumet and other representatives will be meeting to discuss.
- c. Fellowship and Service Committee (Jason and Maureen) no report
- B. Review of Faith Formation Office (FFO) Quarterly Planning Meeting – no discussion
- C. Youth/High School Faith Formation Team – Christen and Deb have developed a framework for the team and request that we wait to form it until there is someone from the FFC willing to be on the team. They propose we wait until new members join the FFC this summer. The FFC will review the document of Y/HS Formation Team Description and discuss at the next FFC meeting.

#### IX. Old Business

- A. FFC Planning Calendar: Approval of Budget by FFC – Christen will provide a copy of the budget at the next meeting.
- B. FFC Planning Calendar: Policy Revisions – Christen and Mary will look at the policies and report any suggested changes at the next meeting.

#### X. Concluding Comments

#### XI. Closing Prayer

XII. UPCOMING DATES: Next Meeting – March 28, 2019 – Jason will check on room availability for the meeting since it isn’t our regular night. The April meeting will also be pushed a week to April 25, 2019 because of Holy Thursday.

XII. Adjournment at 8:25 pm

Minutes submitted by Alison Zirbel