

## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI FAITH FORMATION COUNCIL MINUTES

March 28, 2019

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

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

Council Members Absent: Maureen Berger, Linda Gust, Fr. Ray McHenry

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

II. Opening Prayer was the updated Parish Mission Prayer

III. Open Forum – St. Francis of Assisi movie called Sign of Contradiction, but no one showed up to present on it. Jason will let them know the Council discussed and approved and encourage them to speak to Francis Fest Committee about age, food, childcare. Recommendation made to show an age-appropriate movie about St. Francis for children at the same time.

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

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

VI. Pastoral Reports

- A. Pastoral Report – Question raised about the special needs coordinator position. Interviews coming soon and hoping for overlap with current coordinator's final two weeks. Question raised about diocesan involvement in special needs. Money spent for special needs at St. Francis is for our parish.
- B. Pastoral Council Report – they are updating constitutional pieces and we will hear more on that soon

VII. Staff Reports

- A. Christen, YFF/FFO: Registration begins April 8<sup>th</sup> for all ages. Current catechists can register on April 1<sup>st</sup> and current CGS families on April 4<sup>th</sup>. The Sunday School program will line up with YFF for next year. They will meet every week and will start in September rather than October. Christen did not bring a copy of the budget to the meeting as previously discussed. Instead she met with Chris Aldinger and they decided that it will be kept between the Directors, Business Manager and Finance Council. First Communion receptions will be coffee and donuts or cookies and lemonade if following Saturday masses. They are asking various groups to host events. The FFC will commit to hosting after the 9:30 First Communion on Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Catechist Appreciation Dinner on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm.
- B. Deb, HSFF: Already has parents asking to volunteer for Confirmation. The nun run went well and it was a diocesan wide opportunity.
- C. Faye, AFF: She presented at the Pentecost dinner.

VIII. New Business

- A. Subcommittee Reports –
  - a. Adult Faith Formation Advisory Team (Alison, Dave, Linda and Mary)
    - i. Parish Mission – The contract with Dan DeMatte has been signed. We are still trying to identify parishioners to take leadership roles in the planning of promotions, hospitality and service project. Alison presented about the Parish Mission to the WINGS group to see if they would be interested in taking the lead with hospitality. Still awaiting their final decision. There is only \$600 left in the budget for food/hospitality for the Mission. We have had a parishioner volunteer to contribute an additional \$600.

- ii. Alpha – The Alpha Launch Team has completed seven sessions of the Alpha experience and will participate in a Holy Spirit Retreat on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Cornerstone Family Church is providing space and leadership for the retreat. The launch group will wrap on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and shift gears to start planning for the Fall Parish Wide Launch. The dates for both Fall and Winter sessions have been set and space reserved. We have been invited to attend an invite-only Alpha event for “churches of influence” in Denver, CO at the end of May. Father Ray, Mary Wieser and Alison Zirbel are planning to attend.
  - b. Retreats and Missions Committee (Steve and Molly)
    - i. Steve reported that they are letting things settle with CRHP following the Leadership Dinner. He is in communication with the leadership of the Continuation Committee.
  - c. Fellowship and Service Committee (Jason and Maureen) no report
- B. Pulpit Talks for Discernment - covered

#### IX. Old Business

- A. FFC Planning Calendar: Self Evaluation of Council – Council will complete evaluation and speak about at next meeting.
- B. FFC Planning Calendar: Aware of recommend termination or non-renewal with documentation – no discussion.
- C. FFC Planning Calendar: Process for the selection of new materials and how they are evaluated – no discussion.

X. Concluding Comments – Discernment is this Sunday.

XI. Closing Prayer

XII. UPCOMING DATES: Next Meeting – April 25, 2019

XII. Adjournment at 8:25 pm

Minutes submitted by Alison Zirbel