

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI FAITH FORMATION COUNCIL MINUTES

May 17 and 24, 2018

Council Members in Attendance on May 17: Jason Collins, Dave Dickson, Linda Gust, Molly Myers, Mary Wieser, Alison Zirbel

Council Members in Attendance on May 24: Maureen Berger, Jason Collins, Dave Dickson, Steve Hedding, Alison Zirbel

Also Present on May 17: Fr. Ray McHenry

Also Present on May 24: Christen Cota, Faye Akers, Deb Barry

Council Members Absent on May 17: Maureen Berger, Steve Hedding

Council Members Absent on May 24: Linda Gust, Molly Myers, Mary Wieser

I. Call to Order by Jason Collins

II. Opening Prayer

III. Open Forum – N/A

IV. Approval of Agenda on May 17: motion to suspend agenda made by Mary Wieser, seconded by Dave Dickson and passed unanimously.

V. Approval of Prior Meetings' Minutes: N/A

VI. Pastoral Report N/A

VII. Staff Reports on May 24

- A. Director of Youth Faith Formation report given by Christen Cota
  - a. VBS registration will be in March next year
  - b. Need catechists for early session YFF
  - c. Looking at 2<sup>nd</sup> grade curriculum – Blessed and Our Sunday Visitor
  - d. No survey of families at the end of this YFF year because of the parish wide survey. Typically that is done each year.
  - e. Meet n Greet for YFF will be on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Council members that aren't also catechists are asked to help.
  - f. Dates are set for YFF 2018-2019
- B. Director of High School Faith Formation report given by Deb Barry
  - a. Online registration began on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Online registration will be combined for both YFF and HSFF for the 2019-2020 year.
  - b. Looking at 120 9<sup>th</sup> graders for Confirmation. Only 43 are registered at this time.
  - c. FISH registration is slow.

- d. 25 students registered for Kentucky in July.
  - e. Deb begins meeting with each youth individually in August and goes over their Faith Habits worksheet.
- C. Director of Adult Faith Formation report given by Faye Akers
- a. Met with Katie Evans, the new Communications Director and she feels great about her plans for the position.
  - b. Patterns aren't strong for AFF with feedback from parish survey.
  - c. Divine Mercy retreat is a no-go.
  - d. Needs an Adult Faith Advisory Team back in place because we see now that the Faith Formation Council will not be able to completely take the place of that team. Faye envisions that the team will meet quarterly. Put it on the June agenda to discuss/vote.
  - e. Encouraged Council members to come to an Inquiry Session for Becoming Catholic this summer.

#### VIII. New Business – N/A

#### IX. Old Business

- A. Discussion of survey results on May 17
  - a. Question 8 regarding fellowship: discussed how there is a form in place requesting date/room/budget for events.
  - b. Question 10 regarding service: discussed who is in charge of social concerns so that we can collaborate with them regarding service opportunities. We were informed that Ali Maurice is planning to take that on.
  - c. Need for long term planning of events, speakers, etc.
- B. Discussion of survey results on May 24
  - a. Decided on our Top 4 that we will take away from the survey to focus on for the coming year.
    - i. Process and calendaring implementation and recommendation
    - ii. Fellowship and Service – plan a few events in conjunction with faith formation.
    - iii. Retreats – youth and non-CRHP
    - iv. Look at each program in-depth throughout the year (ie: focus on FISH attendance, implement the idea of a liaison to each program, see what is working at other parishes that we could implement as well)

X. Concluding Comments: The June meeting will be Council members only. We will go more in depth on how to address the four priorities we've settled on. Staff will not be present. Mary to get copies of Diocesan Policies for each Council member. Alison suggested meeting in a format where staff is present for first hour but not second hour each month.

#### XI. Closing Prayer

XII. UPCOMING DATES: Next Meeting –June 21, 2018

Minutes submitted by Alison Zirbel