

FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION MINUTES-APPROVED

Tuesday February 5, 2008

Members: Sr. Pat Clement, Pat Erdmann, Marilyn Govek, Joe Jacques, Ken Krautkramer, Peggy Lee, Tina Meyer, Terry Pasterski, Nancy Cornwell-minutes

Absent: Lisa Cochrane

I. Opening Prayer:

- Opening prayer offered by Peggy Lee

II. Approval of Agenda

- V. Old Business: Add 'Number of RE Classes for '07-'08
- Nancy made motion to approve as amended. Terry seconded. Approved.

III. Approval of Minutes

- Terry made motion to approved minutes. Joe seconded. Approved.

IV. IV. Committee Reports

A. Adult Ministry: Sr. Pat

- 2/5/08 Men and Women's Night Out has 188 reservations. Reservations close on 2/6/08.
- 2/14/08 Young At Heart Valentines Day has 13 reservations (as of 2/5/08).

B. RE: Tina Meyer

Middle School/High School-Tina reviewed the Faith Formation Reports.

- Contemporary Mass: Marilyn asked what the difference in a Contemporary mass. Tina said mainly the music. More modern.
- Curriculum:
 - Long term plans are to include retreats for 6th grade, 7th & 8th, 9th & 10th and then 11th grades.
 - Maxine arranged for Fr. Andy to talk to the 5th graders about vocations. The presentation was wonderful: Magic trick, DVD, question & answer, then Fr. Andy had all 5th graders put their names in a hat. Fr. Andy drew out 5 names and then asked the students to ask God if their name was selected. Fr. Andy did not reveal the names of the five selected.
- Facility:
 - All classrooms will be re-numbered. The emergency evacuation plans will be re-done with the new room numbers.
- Protecting God's Children
 - This year the program is a family presentation on a Saturday. Half of the parents responding are opting out. They said they get the same information at school. Parents may not know this presentation is given in a Christian light. Tina will re-evaluate program for next year.

Youth Ministry: Becky Kittell

- FFC Members had questions on 'Taking it to the Streets'. Tina explained it is a pilgrimage from St Joes to St Pats Pantry. Students are bringing their own cans of food to donate to St. Patrick's Food Pantry. They will then proceed

downtown and then walking to St Johns Homeless Shelter. Students will experience firsthand the struggles of being homeless. Students will then take a city bus back to St. Joes.

Elementary: Maxine Geiger

- No questions.

C. Parish Council

- Annunciation: Joe Jacques
 - Mass Schedule Change: No Saturdays. 8:00 & 10:00 on Sundays.
 - Council happy with Parish Directory Project
 - ATM Goals were not met for 2007. Money donated went to pay down parish debit.
- St. Joseph: Marilyn Govek
 - No updates
- St. Jude: Terry Pasterski
 - Mass Schedule Change: Saturday 5:30 moved to 4:00.
- St. Pat: Lisa Cochran
 - No updates

V. Old Business

- Added to 2/5/08 Agenda: Number of RE Classes for '07-'08.
 - From November to January there were 13 weeks, however, the catechist only taught 6 classes.. Of the 7 classes not taught: 3 were holiday breaks, 2 teacher in service days, 1 day coordinator retreat and 1 snow day.
 - This schedule was almost completely planned by Julianne. By the time Tina came on board in October, it had already been published and distributed to the parents, staff and parish
 - For February, 2/6/08 Ash Wednesday class was cancelled to allow students to go to church with their families at their home church. Last year the students went to mass at St Joes. With students, parents and St Joes parishioners the church was standing room only. And, some students stood the entire Mass so that the elderly could sit. Many parents called and requested to be able to take their children with them to their home parishes. One assumption that last year was so packed was because the students were scheduled for mass, this year they were not. The FFC members suggested RE take a poll of all the students that did attend mass at their home parish this year. The poll would indicate the need to schedule Ash Wednesday session to encourage mass participation, or the voluntary attendance at the home parish is sufficient.
 - Sr Pat asked if the diocesan office had a set number of CCD classes. Tina said they recommended 24 hours.
 - Terry asked Tina for the total number of classes/hours held for the '07-'08 year. Tina will bring this information to the March meeting.

- Sr Pat suggested that 24 classes should be scheduled and safeguarded. If 24 classes cannot be included between Sept-April timeframe, classes should be extended to May.
- Tina updated the FFC that classes do not always dictate classroom sessions. A class could consist of group presentations, mass and/or special events.

VI. New Business

AFFC—Diocesan Committee

- The Diocesan Adult Faith Formation Committee is creating a handbook for Adult Faith Formation Directors. This will be a resource to better serve the directors.
- This committee is working on recommending local parish support. The question is; should each parish support their own directors or contribute to a pool and have directors apply grants for their adult formation classes.

Card for Maxine

- Maxine's brother died expectedly. A card was passed for the FFC members to sign for Maxine.

VII. Closing Prayer: Joe Jacques offered closing prayer.

Next Meeting Date: March 4, 2008

Prayer Leader: Terry