

FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION MINUTES - **APPROVED**
Tuesday May 6, 2008

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

Absent: Joe Jacques, Ken Krautkramer, Lisa Cochrane

- I. Opening Prayer: Tina
- II. Approval of Agenda
 - Tina asked to add to 'New Business' Grocery Raffle.
 - Nancy made a motion to accept agenda as amended. Tina seconded. All approved.
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - Tina requested a change to Middle School/High School section. Second bullet point, remove words 'statement by Jesus'. The sentence should say: The students posed for about 30 seconds with spot lights and then there were several minutes of darkness during the 'student statement' and song.
 - Peggy moved to accept minutes as amended. Pat seconded. All approved.
- IV. Committee Reports
 - a. Adult Ministry: Sr. Pat
 - Sister Pat read a brochure on 'The Rock & the Rabbi' for the 7/23 trip to Fireside. She wanted to give us the information on presentation.
 - b. RE: Tina Meyer
 - i. Middle School/High School
 - Tina received several thank you notes regarding the Confirmation Mass.
 - Tina confirmed that Mary Murphy, Youth Minister from Luxemburg, has a \$300.00 donation for the SHINE trip. The two students attending are also selling candy bars, hosting a rummage & bake sale at their Grandmother's house and selling raffle tickets for the Grocery Cart of Food.
 - ii. Youth Ministry: Becky Kittell
 - Becky received thank you notes on the 8th grade retreat for students at Holy Apostles School.
 - iii. Elementary: Maxine Geiger
 - At the teacher in-service the new hours were given: 5:30-6:46. A few Catechists had issues with leaving work and getting to class on time. A few others talked about the supper timeframe. However the catechists thought they could work it out.
 - Prayer services in the church (5:30-5:45) will continue to be rotated by grade for 2008-2009.

- Tina and Maxine are looking at options for the hall congestion when the grade school students are let out at 6:45 and the Junior/High School students come in for 7:00.
- Faith Formation Team will be looking for a 2nd and 8th grade Catechist. Two are not returning.
- Summer Bible School flyers and forms were posted at each parish. A few of the FFC members said the forms are gone. Tina said she will get more out. Note: We are looking for volunteers for the Summer Bible Schools.

c. Parish Council

- i. Annunciation: Joe Jacques-No Updates
- ii. St. Joseph: Marilyn Govek
 - Faith Formation Class Dismissal—Hallway and parking lot congestion was brought to Parish Council. Tina said they are working on this.
 - Marilyn asked Tina about Catechists getting a reduced rate for their children in the program. Tina said that a Catechist is a ministry like many others that volunteer. Other volunteers do not get reduced tuitions because they volunteer. Example: Soccer coaches have to pay the entrance fee for their children in the program. Tina also mentioned that Lumen Christi fund pays for trainings for the catechists. **See side note below.
- iii. St. Jude: Terry Pasterski—Terry confirmed the council issues with the congestion issue and the reduced rates question for catechists.
- iv. St. Pat: Lisa Cochrane—No Updates

II. Old Business

- i. Domes and Brewer Games Revisited:
 - These two outings will be tabled. We all ready have two July offerings.
- ii. Other Summer Activities:
 - 7/15/08 Chamber Island Retreat
 - 7/23/08 Fireside Dinner Theater: The Rock and the Rabbi (musical)

III. New Business

- i. First Communion—Joint Celebration:
 - This year 2007-2008 First Communion Class had almost 50 students. One parish had 3 Communicants, another 20. Because of the number differences at each parish, should all four parishes have one First Communion Mass just as we did for Confirmation?

- Should Annunciation School have one First Communion Mass and the Quad Parish Students have another First Communion Mass?
 - The FF Commission had conversation and that; First Communion is for the parish and should not divide by school or no school. Side note: There was conversation that the Holy Apostle's 2nd grade teacher nor the principle was in attendance at the Annunciation First Communion. No one knew why they were not in attendance.
 - The recommendation was that each parish continue to have their own First Communion mass.
- ii. Commission Membership:
- We believe there are no terms or bi-laws for any commissions so the Faith Formation members decided on a 3-year term. And, if you decide to leave, please try to find someone to take your place.
- iii. Grocery Raffle:
- Tina asked the Faith Formation members to take one mass on 5/18 to sell the raffles tickets. The monies will go to the Summer Faith Camp and the SHINE Service Mission.
- iv. NEW DISCUSSION:
- Altar Servers: Pat Erdmann said that the Quad Parish masses are having issues with staffing altar servers. Pat asked if it was possible to have built into the Faith Formation program that all 4th graders be taught to be altar servers. Even though the students are asked and flyers go home, little to no one volunteers. If we taught them all how to server they would then see there was nothing to fear. Tina said she will take this back to Maxine.

**Side Note: After this meeting closed Tina continue to think about the Catechist getting reduced rates for their service. Tina thought of other benefits to the Catechist such as the appreciation dinner at Christmas, little notes and gifts during the year and at the end of the year. The FF Team tries to show their appreciation in ways that don't include a payment which only helps those who have children in the program.

Next Meeting Date: June 3, 2008
Prayer Leader: Peggy