

**^Faith Formation Commission Notes -APPROVED-
Annunciation, St Joseph, St Jude, St Patrick**

10/02/07

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Faith Formation Site

Room 108

Attendance: Sr. Pat Clement, Ken Krautkramer, Terry Pasterski, Joe Jacques, Lisa Cochrane, Pat Erdmann, Nancy Cornwell-minutes

Absent: Peggy Lee, Jeannine Mielke

I. Opening Prayer: Sr. Pat

II. Approval of Agenda: Nancy made motion to approve, Ken 2nd motion.

III. Approval of Minutes: Terry moved to approve minutes, Ken 2nd motion.

IV. Committee Reports:

a. Adult Ministry: Sr. Pat

- Chamber Island Retreat was a great experience. 21 people signed up. A retreat next year is requested, however, we must have 35 minimum participants per the retreat center.
- Sr. Pat noticed an ongoing issue with most programs offered; participants seem to signup (register) at the last minute. At times only a few sign up yet several people attend. It is hard to plan when not sure if there are going to have participants.
- Tina Meyer (DRE) said the same is true for RE.
- This commission had a few suggestions:
 - Offers programs early, suggest early registration
 - Have a call-in number to register
 - Have registration on Quad Parish website
 - Personally invite everyone from the altar
 - Have signup sheets at church
 - Have signup registration date
 - Have backup registration date (1-2 days after registration due date)

b. Youth Ministry: Becky Kittell

- No questions on Julianne's final Jr. High/High School/Youth Group report.
- No questions on Youth Ministry Report-Sept 2007 Highlights

c. RE: Tina Meyer

• Middle School/High School: Tina Meyer

- Tina introduced herself. She said this is a big job and cannot do it alone. Maxine, Becky and Catechists will help make the program successful. Tina also said St Joe's is a huge facility and she will work to share the facilities when needed. Tina wants to create a center for spirituality. Tina

said they will have multiple programs going on at once: youth, adult, and groups of all kinds. Tina then gave an overview of the items she is working on:

- Youth Rooms at Faith Formation Center (St Joe's)
 - Tina explained the situation with the Youth Center rooms being moved to the first floor because the city of Green Bay will not allow use of the third floor without being brought up to fire code and an elevator installed.
 - A sprinkler system needs to be put in the entire building.
 - RE Interns are not allowed to use the third floor.
 - The chapel on the 3rd floor is beautiful and is being used randomly.
 - St. Jude's Parish Council toured 1st, 2nd, and 3rd floors.
 - The city said they would work w/Youth Center Planning, and consider options, even if they have a 10-year plan.
- St Patrick's Children Not Coming to RE
 - The two 5th grade teachers noticed children from St Pat's were not registered for their classes. Tina did some investigation and found St Patrick's had an average of 100 students registered for RE, however only 33 children were registered for the Quad Parish RE program. Nancy Cornwell brought the issue up at the St Pat's prior to the Advancing the Mission meeting. The parents in attendance said there were several issues that they knew about that discouraged some parents from sending their children. Those issues mentioned:
 - \$40.00 per child up to three children (\$120.00)
 - A few times classes were cancelled due to weather, yet school was not cancelled that day. Parents brought children just to find a sign on the door and the doors locked.
 - It was mentioned that the content of the RE program seems to be lacking. Not sure if this was content or class.
 - It was also mentioned that the 6,7,8th grade class on sexuality was not appropriate and embarrassed the children to the point where some did not want to go back to class.
 - Tina addressed each of the issues above: She said no child will be left behind because of money. There were snow storm alerts and the information was posted on TV, however, parents had already left for class before seeing the announcements. Content of the RE program/books is something that was not brought up before this. She had heard the class on sexuality was upsetting to some. And, the program will now be offered by the Diocese and parents will be invited to attend. Tina, wants the children to come to class so Lisa Cochrane and Nancy Cornwell volunteered to call the parents of St. Pat's children to invite them to RE. **Tina will get a list of parishioners with children from Mickey.**

- Library at St. Joseph
 - Tina said the Library at St. Joseph is not put together. Sr. Pat attempted to survey the library and move things around, but, it was extremely hot in the room and they were not able to work. Tina and Maxine did go thru some boxes to look at the books available for use.
 - This committee suggested time be invested into the Library.
 - This committee also suggested we let people know what we have to offer in the library.
- St. Joseph Boy Scouts
 - Tina is working with the Boy Scouts on an area for them to meet on Wednesday nights. Space limited but they maybe able to find room in the basement.

Terry had a few questions from St Jude's:

- Vacation Bible School was cancelled. She was wondering what could be done differently to make the program work?
 - Suggestion was to have the school earlier in the summer.
 - If possible, offer transportation to school. Or, offer suggestions on transportation—parents work, no way to get kids to class.
 - Sign-up in June/July to get better idea of class sizes.
- NEW Shelter Meal (156 people)
 - St Jude's sponsors one meal a month. Would it be possible to have RE youth take a turn(s)? Tina said she would look at children going thru sacraments to help. And/or, she could have each class bring a specific food for the meals (canned vegetable, canned fruit and so on).
- CCD Programs 5:45-6:45
 - Today there is a 15 minute Prayer Service and 45 minutes class, however, to take the children from church to classroom and settle them down only allows for a short teaching time. Tina said they are considering prayer service at 5:45 and class from 6:00 to 7:00. More info to come.
- **Elementary: Maxine Gieger**
 - No questions on K-5 Report

d. Parish Council Reports

- Annunciation: Joe Jacques...no updates
- St. Joseph: Jeannine Mielke...absent
- St. Jude: Terry Pasterski...no updates
- St. Pat: Lisa Cochrane...St. Pat's starting Advancing the Mission

V. OLD BUSINESS

a. Accomplishments from 2006-2007

- Surveyed St. Jude's, St Joe's and Annunciation. Came up with list of Adult Faith Formation needs.
- Presented excellent Adult and Family Outings; St Valentine's Party for Young at Heart, Lenten Mission, Bible Studies, Baseball Game and so on.

b. Review of 3-year plan Adult Faith Formation

- Sr. Pat formatted the 3-year Adult Faith Formation plans.
- FFC agreed there was a good mix of education and family fun outings.
- If any additional 'fun' outings, FFC needs to connect with the Community Life Commission.
- FFC also suggested that at all formation sessions we promote other events coming up and to prepare flyers to hand out thru the CCD program.

c. Prayer Leaders per month:

Nov: Nancy	Mar: Terry
Dec: Pat	April: Ken
Jan: Lisa	May: Tina
Feb: Joe	June: Peggy

d. Begin goal discussion for 2007-2008....Tabled for next meeting

e. Parent Surveys for Wednesday night parent presentations

- Tina did not see any surveys from the CCD program handed out last year.
- Sr. Pat gave Tina the survey done at the three parishes on Adult Faith Formation needs.
- Tina will look at the tri-parish parishioner suggestions; however the huge drawback in providing adult programs on Wednesdays at St. Joes is space. 1st floor, 2nd floor and basement are used.
- Tina will gather data on how many parents would stay during the K-6 grade CCD program for adult faith formation classes. And, would parents be interested and committed to a 45 minute sessions.
- Note: Adult Bible studies are held Wednesday nights at St. Jude's.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Do we want to provide copies of the Compass for St. Jude's & Annunciations? St. Joe and St. Pat's already get them.

- Yes, provide 25 copies per month. If more are needed, order more. If less are needed, decrease subscription.

Next Meeting: November 6, 2007

November Prayer Leader: Nancy