

FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION NOTES-APPROVED

Tuesday November 6, 2007

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

Absent: Terry Pasterski (excused), Lisa Cochrane

- I. Opening Prayer: Nancy
- II. Approval of Agenda. Nancy approved agenda, Pat moved to second it.
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Changed RE: Tina Meyer; St Joseph Library, change 'they' to '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.'
 - ii. Changed RE: Tina Meyer; Boy Scouts to 'St. Joseph Boy Scouts Minutes approved by Joe, second by Peggy.
- IV. Committee Reports
 - a. **Adult Ministry: Sr. Pat.**
 - i. Sr. Pat distributed the 3-year Adult Faith Formation Plan. FFC reviewed. Sr. Pat suggested we look at the Bible Timeline. Today it is 24 week/1 hour session. Sr. Pat is considering an 8 week program/1 hour session. She proposed short courses to let others get exposed to the bible study and encourage interest. FFC agreed.
 - ii. The 3-year plan includes 2 retreats per year, 2 mini-series, and incorporates quad parish gatherings.
 - iii. Other parishes offering formations courses are not listed however will be posted on quad parish calendar.
 - b. **RE: Tina Meyer**
 - i. **Middle School/High School**
 1. Middle School working on Extreme Faith Camp
 2. High School working on SHINE Experience. SHINE is a work camp that brings 250 students together to worship, work at local agencies and socialize Monday-Saturday.Both programs listed require fund raising. Becky is working with the Holy Apostle School to coordinate what they are doing for fund raising. Tina and Becky will try not to use of their ideas, except for possibly the candy bar sale. Tina and Becky will coordinate efforts outside Holy Apostle's calendar.

Tina submitted to FFC suggestions and months open for fund raising. FFC thinks Tina's ideas are good. FFC suggested that Tina offer receipts for donations (such as donations on rummage sale items). Ken Krautkramer will find tax donation guidelines and a form for donations.

FFC suggested Tina contact our quad parish organizations for funds. (i.e. Knights of Columbus-St Jude's, Women's Club-St Jude's, Mission Society-Annunciation and to call Mickey at St Patrick's---Men's Club or other groups might help with funding.)

Joe Jacques was the first person to aid Tina by opening his wallet during the meeting and giving Tina a cash donation!!

ii. Youth Ministry: Becky Kittell

1. Tina reported that Becky Kittell has volunteered to coordinate the Vacation Bible School this summer.

iii. Elementary: Maxine Geiger

1. FFC members brought up issues again with the K-5 meeting in the church from 5:45 to 6:00. Catechists have concerns that the K-5 group was too large and that several issues occurred during these 15 minutes:
 - Attendance Issues---While Maxine is giving and sharing information, children are walking in at all times distracting everyone from listening.
 - The information Maxine is presenting is wonderful—it is formation information all students MUST know, however, because of the 6 grade levels and the presentation style for K thru 2 the 3, 4, 5th graders are not paying attention. Catechists are constantly shushing the children.
 - There is too much talking in church. Children have a lack of reverence for this holy place.
 - The trip from the church to the classroom takes about 4-6 minutes. The children are invigorated climbing the stairs and walking to the room. Time is lost in the walk and then trying to settle the children down to open books and start the lesson.
 - Because there are handouts and instructions with handout, at times catechists may only have 25 minutes to present a lesson.
 - NOTE: The 15 minutes in church does promote community building, church exposure, church etiquette and shared topics, however the cost is taking away on the grade level lesson.

Tina said she would talk with Maxine on all the issues above and see if anything can be done yet this year, and/or work resolve this issue for next year.

c. Parish Council

i. **Annunciation: Joe Jacques-**

1. Joe said Fr Don had asked all four parishes to consider their identity. Joe also said that each council was to come up with 5 goals for the year.

ii. **St. Joseph: Marilyn Govek**-New to FFC. Marilyn will go to the Parish Council meetings and bring back report for St. Joseph

iii. **St. Jude: Terry Pasterski**-No update at this time

iv. **St. Pat: Lisa Cochrane**-No update at this time

V. OLD BUSINESS

a. **Final review of 3-year plan for Adult Faith Formation**

- i. Completed. FFC agreed the plan looked great.

b. **Determination of Goals for 2007-2008**

Goal 1: Make sure Vacation Bible Study will take place

Goal 2: Create portable library for quad parish.

1. Will consider rotating library at each parish so that parishioners have resources when needed.
2. Will consider having a shelf at each parish with books and index cards.

Goal 3: Create Quad Parish Welcome Booklet to include:

3. Welcome
4. Things to Know
5. Four Parish Overview
 - o Nancy to give Sr. Pat a St. Patrick's Overview by 12/1/07
6. Mass Schedule
7. Support Staff

Note: Stewardship Commission is working on 'Services' Booklet.

c. **Parent surveys for Wednesday night parent presentations**

- i. Received three responses. Not enough interest to offer Faith Formation Adult classes during CCD this year.

d. **The Compass offered for St. Jude's and Annunciation on trial basis**

- i. Sr. Pat ordered The Compass for St. Jude's and Annunciation.
 1. Robin Therese to monitor The Compass numbers for St. Jude's
 2. Jane Giese to monitor The Compass numbers for Annunciation.

Next Meeting: December 4, 2007

Prayer Leader: Peggy Lee