

St Therese Faith Formation Committee  
02-09-2010 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Michelle Pellman, Nancy Seaman, John Faundeen, Bridget Dahlin, Doug Basche, Cathy Anderson, Father Hal Barber, Tammy Badger, Kathleen Hawks

Not Present: Pat Starr, Mike McInerney, Barbara Lockwood, Karen Heiling, Twyla Steinberger

Prayer – led by Father Hal Barber.

Minutes – Motion to approve both the November and January minutes was approved.

Survey

- Mic Pellman sent revised survey schedule to the FFC, which is also below. The actual survey will be sent out this Friday. Hardcopies will be available at the Information Center, but we want to encourage everyone who can, to fill out the survey online so that the results will be tabulated for us and cut down on data entry efforts. **Action:** Mic to make more hard copies. The St. Therese monthly bulletin announced the survey, too in addition to it being on our website. We missed getting it in the bulletin this week as Jan was on vacation. It will be in the next two, though. This weekend we will have FFC reps introduce the survey after each Mass. **Action:** 4:00 John Faundeen, 8:30 Nancy Seaman, 10:45 Tammy Badger 6:00 Mic. The following two weekends we will be part of the announcements read at the end of Mass. Email reminders will go out February 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and the 26<sup>th</sup>. Easiest way to relay the survey web address is through the St. Therese website. The survey will end by the 28<sup>th</sup> so we do not have to pay for another month. We'll try to emphasize turning in all hard copies by February 25<sup>th</sup> to give Cathy Anderson time to key in the information. Hard copies can be turned into the office or in the offertory baskets. **Action:** Twyla Steinberger and Mic to find out what we will get from the survey company once it is complete, e.g. spreadsheet files. We are hoping to get the survey results out to parishioners by April 1<sup>st</sup> so our March meeting will focus on the survey information we obtained. We'll also need to discuss how to get the results to the parish.

Faith Formation Survey Update and Timeline

November 2009	Survey Final draft complete
December 2009	Test Group identified
January 10 - 17	Test group takes survey

January 18 – 24	Follow-up with Test Group by phone
January 25 – Feb 28	Marketing survey to all Parishioners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monthly letter – due 15<sup>th</sup> of month</li> <li>• Bulletin – due by Tuesdays at Noon</li> <li>• Website (Feb 7)</li> <li>• Speak at Masses (Feb 13 &amp; 14)</li> <li>• Mass announcements (Feb 21 &amp; Feb 28)</li> <li>• Calendar – scrolling events</li> </ul>
February 9	Faith Formation Committee meeting
February 12-28	Survey Opens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Duration – 2 week window to take survey</li> <li>• Email blasts of survey link to all parishioners</li> <li>• Email reminders sent Friday, Feb 19 &amp; 26</li> </ul>
March 2010	Survey Results – Review and Analysis
March 9	Faith Formation Committee meeting
March 20 - 21, 2010	Sign-up Sunday weekend
	How communicate findings to Parishioners? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monthly Letter insert</li> <li>• Mass announcements</li> <li>• Parish bulletin</li> <li>• Email</li> </ul>

### Youth Ministry Update

- Mic relayed that it was a scramble, but that we handled the pizza distribution. Bridget Dahlin reported that the Pastoral Council discussed how to cover Eric Schmidt's duties involving calendar planning, budgeting, curriculum, research, and purchasing. Also, just keeping Sunday nights going and a spring meeting with the parents of the confirmation class need to be addressed. The Pastoral Council approved having Bridget take on these duties until a replacement is hired. It is hoped to have the new person hired by the end of June. This will be a busy time with Father planning to retire on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Eric's strategy was to intertwine Religious Education and Youth activities, but Bridget indicated that these two areas are actually budgeted separately so understanding this and planning for the future will be challenging. Father Hal Barber indicated that St. Therese still intends to support all of the Youth activities that had been planned. Mic relayed

that in response to her asking Eric for his top five topics for us to focus upon, the number one item was a Fall Youth event, which is called a Block Party. This event is planned to be citywide and is to be held September 19<sup>th</sup> at McKennan Park with O’Gorman the rain backup location. **Action:** Bridget to update the FFC on this subject at the March meeting.

### Sign-Up Weekend

- Mic confirmed that Sign-Up Sunday is set for March 21<sup>st</sup>. The FFC, the Liturgy Committee and the Social Outreach Committee will each take a weekend prior to March 21<sup>st</sup> to speak at each of the Masses about their own committee. We will speak more about this at our March meeting and assign speakers to Masses at that time. **Action:** Mic to **request March 14<sup>th</sup>** weekend giving us more time to prepare for the talk. St. Therese is not planning on handing out the booklets explaining all of the committees. New parishioners do receive them and the contents is on our website. By not printing these out the Parish saved \$900.

### Children’s Sub-Committee

- Tammy joined Bridget at Crossroads Vacation Bible School extravaganza on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Both of them are previewing materials obtained from the event. They are hoping to make a decision and order the supplies soon. There is also a goal to build Children’s ministries. They are brainstorming whom to invite to a meeting on this topic.

### Youth

- Trying to schedule a meeting with **Pat Starr** and Karen Heiling to stay the course. Kathleen Hawks asked we survey the youth. Cathy Anderson said that we have in the past and Bridget relayed that Eric had done that when he first arrived.

### Adult

- CDs are in the Gathering Space. Cathy read a proposed bulletin announcement on the subject which the FFC thought sounded fine. We can add different topic CDs if desired. We will have the loaned through Easter. Doug Basche indicated that Joe Ruttan has agreed to speak February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 on the topic of “Benefits of Sacrificing.” We will feed Joe through the Knights Fish Fry that night.

### Vocations

- John Faundeen relayed that Sam Nastase had contacted him wondering about any interest in the Serra group from St. Therese. John told him that the Knights were

considering some interaction, but had not made any decision. **Action:** Add Kathleen Hawks to this Sub-Committee. Doug thought that Joe Ruttan would be a good speaker for this group and Bridget relayed that the Diocese has not set up it's vocations training program yet.

Closing Prayer led by Father Hal.

Next Meeting March 9, 6:30 pm.