

St Therese Faith Formation Committee
05-11-2010 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Michelle Pellman, Nancy Seaman, John Faundeen, Doug Basche, Tammy Badger, Cathy Anderson, Twyla Steinberger, Pat Starr

Not Present: Mike McInerney, Father Hal Barber, Kathleen Hawks, Barbara Lockwood, Karen Heiling, Bridget Dahlin

Prayer – led by Doug Basche.

Minutes – Motion to accept the April minutes was approved.

Budget

Mic Pellman relayed that the Council needs FFC budget input for their May 18th meeting. It was noted that Bridget Dahlin's budgets for Children and Youth religious education activities are separate from the FFC's.

Sub-committee budgets for coming year

Children - Tammy Badger and Michelle Pellman indicated the following goals will be discussed with Bridget to ensure her Religious Education and Youth Ministry budgets will cover these items. or If not some of the goals will need additional financial support from the FFC.

1. Make children aware of one service event each month of the school year.
2. Increasing student involvement in Vacation Bible School and Totus Tuus.
3. Develop a process to get adult volunteers involved earlier.

Youth - Pat Starr relayed that all of the goals identified were self-funded. They will take a fair amount of effort but there is no financial support needed for next year. Pat also informed the FFC of how the Confirmation meeting went with the parents. Overall, he was very excited about the session, noting some parents did feel the requirements were onerous. Upon hearing the elements the students are expected to complete next year the FFC strongly endorsed the requirements. The Life Teen curriculum called "oneight" is being used.

Adult - Doug Basche reported that the motivational speakers would be at no cost. An apologetics study may have a cost. A Bible study course would probably not have any cost. Alan DeSchepper has offered to lead the Bible study course and is enthusiastic to begin for maybe an hour a week for five to six weeks. The committee also discussed offering an Adult Temple Builders program this coming year. A similar program was done at St. Mary's this past Lenten season and a couple St Therese Faith Formation committee members had attended and recommended it highly, The committee recommended St Therese include this program in the fiscal year 2011 opportunities. Diocese CD stand will be returned at the end of May. Discussion on whether FFC should request funds to purchase the CDs with or without the stand. Around \$1,000 to purchase stand and a full set of CDs. Re-ordering CDs cost \$2.25 per. **MOTION:** to request \$300 for the CD effort to include the purchase of CDs & alternative stand construction. This is contingent upon agreement of where to place the stand in the gathering space with the Environment Committee. Passed. Discussion ensued on honorarium amount for the speakers. **MOTION:** to request \$150 for speaker honorarium. Passed. Felt that any apologetics class would probably have a book involved, but most people would expect to purchase those themselves. Cathy talked about the Catholic Home Study Service sponsored by a Knights of Columbus Council.

Vocations – Twyla Steinberger relayed that Deacon Dan's ordination costs are fairly complete already with no additional monies anticipated. Sister Eileen's Golden Jubilee is scheduled for July 25 at 11:00 at Sacred Heart in Yankton. Discussed having an event at St. Therese, also. Sister is very limited as to how many she can invite to Sacred Heart. **ACTION:** John Faundeen will ask the St. Therese Knights of Council for \$200 to support a celebration for Sister Eileen. An August Sunday afternoon date will be explored with Sister. Bulletin inserts will be free. National Vocations Week is in January 2011. \$200 budget requested to support speakers and materials to promote and celebrate National Vocations Week.

Upcoming events

Dan Smith ordination June 6th.

Father Hal retirement June 27th.

Sister Eileen jubilee open house in August.

Other

Pat felt we should plan to hold a get-to-know event with the new Priest for some time in July. Discussion on having the July FFC meeting be a potluck with the new Priest at a park for committee and family members to attend. Pat Starr will investigate reserving a shelter.

John Faundeen noted a volunteer is needed to take minutes at the June meeting for him.

Closing Prayer led by Nancy Seaman.

Next Meeting June 8, 6:30 pm.