

St Therese Faith Formation Committee

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

6:30 pm

Members Present: John Faundeen, Michelle Pellman, Pat Starr, Cathy Anderson, Doug Basche, Bridget Dahlin, Nancy Seaman, Barbara Lockwood

Not Present: Tammy Badger, Karen Heiling, Twyla Steinberger, Kathleen Hawks, Father David Stevens

Prayer: Was lead by Doug Basche.

Minutes: Motion to accept the June minutes were approved.

Old Business

Michelle Pellman relayed that now that Father David is on board the FFC needs to confirm that he understands and agrees with the goals established by the committee. Our current goals reside on the FFC minutes page. Mic suggested once Father has had a chance to review and approve our goals, they can be moved to the FFC 'tab' on the parish web site. Committee agreed with this approach.

Mic discussed the following email received from Nancy Seaman as it relates to the FFC budget, which received none of the dollars requested. Bridget confirmed that K-12 funding was also cut, even though those are separate from the FFC budget.

Every year the KC's help with the bingo tent at the fair. They want to help fund the FFC with some of their proceeds. They would like a break down of the \$\$ by category, as well as a "Big dreams" amount, a middle of the road amount, and a bare bones amount. What they bring in for bingo will determine which amount they will give us.

Bridget did indicate that textbooks and bare essentials are covered this year. The FFC discussed a "sponsoring" idea that Barbara brought up. Sponsors could provide financial and/or prayerful support.

The FFC listed the following prioritized needs that hopefully the Knights can help:

1. \$300 for CDs
2. \$150 for Adult Ministries motivational speakers honorarium
3. \$200 for National Vocations Week speakers
4. \$200 for Bible study supplies
5. up to \$1,400 for Totus Tuus program support

Sub-committee reports

- **Children** (Totus Tuus, VBS, June 30th meeting, Religious Education, 2010-2011 Goals, **Youth** – Totus Tuus, Religious Education, Confirmation, 2010-2011 Goal)

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- Bridget discussed how the three goals fall out. She does not feel the No. 1 Children's Sub-Committee goal (Make children aware of one service event each month of the school year) is achievable unless someone on the sub-committees steps up. The other two are achievable. Her hours will be spent more on administrative activities rather than ministerial, unfortunately. Events like Bring Your Own Big Person Day and Person classes, the annual Advent Retreat activities retreat for the children, and adoration classes for K-5 probably won't be held this year. The FFC discussed that these events will be missed and if someone else could fill these roles. Bridget was allocating 30 hours for K-5 and now has only 9 hours for the balance of the grades. Bridget's former position of K-5 DRE was a 31 hour/week position. This included 6 grades along with Children's LOW for the preschool-age group. With the change to K-12 DRE, there is an addition of 7 grades to cover and 9 additional hours/week to make it a 40 hour/week position. The FFC is concerned that a Youth Ministry position will not be filled for quite some time.

Children's Ministries met in June with nine participants, which was a great turnout. Pat Starr asked how we are doing for teachers this year. Bridget said we are not totally filled out, but she is confident we will meet the need. Bridget will let the FFC know where the gaps are.

- **Adult** – Doug Basche reported that the sub-committee would still like to get speakers and CDs lined up, pending Father's concurrence. Discussed working with the Environment Committee on the design of the CD cabinet. An adult temple building program held during Lent was discussed as another possible activity this year.
- **Vocations** – John Faunden passed on Twyla's confirmation that the afternoon of October 17 will be Sister Eileen's Golden Jubilee. John has also begun to review the Diocese's Vocations web site noting a page dedicated to checkout materials consisting of videos and books.

Other - Barbara Lockwood reminded everyone of the upcoming new school year. She will have five pastors involved this year from four parishes. Trying to make sure parishioners feel connected with their school is one of her priorities. Coordinating the school and parish calendars is a big effort, but allows for that better connection. The calendar coordination with St. Therese is the biggest need.

Mic suggested having a Sioux Falls Catholic schools report at each FFC meeting from here on. FFC concurred with this.

Closing Prayer Was led by Mic.