

St Therese Faith Formation Committee

Tuesday, October 12, 2010

6:30 pm

Members Present: Karen Heiling, John Faundeen, Twyla Steinberger, Kathleen Hawks, Pat Starr, Cathy Anderson, Bridget Dahlin, Nancy Seaman

Not Present: Tammy Badger, Michelle Pellman, Father David Stevens, Doug Basche, Barbara Lockwood, Deb Witte

Prayer: Was lead by Twyla Steinberger who provided a prayer card.

Minutes: Motion to accept the September minutes as submitted was approved.

Old Business

Twyla relayed that she has not yet had an opportunity to discuss either the FFC goals with Father David or the funding with the Knights of Columbus.

Sub-Committee reports

Children - Bridget Dahlin indicated that an October Service Project has been decided. Bags of candy are being collected for kids who cannot go trick or treating. Involving the Sioux Falls Catholic Schools in Children's programming is a strong desire this year. How to involve them is the challenge. Also trying to involve parents as much as possible. Vacation Bible School is still being determined. *Pandamania* is the Brandon theme preference. Bridget brought the idea of having a chair, vice-chair, and minute taker for the Sub-Committee. FFC discussed that possibly these roles would stretch the Sub-Committees a bit too much. Bridget concurred after further discussion.

Youth - Bridget stated the Youth Sub-Committee met twice in the last two weeks! First meeting was with Father David who relayed his vision for Youth in more detail. The Sub-Committee shared their past experiences and frustrations. Got everyone up to speed, which was very good. Father is hoping to make a decision on how to address the Youth Director role by January. Talked about limits on what the Youth Sub-Committee can accomplish. A turkey (frozen) scavenger hunt is being planned for the 20th of November. Youth communication using texting and email were also discussed. Out-of-town events like ski trips and Valley Fair were outlined. Seeking more Sub-Committee members is on hold until the Youth Director position is more finalized. Administrative support for these activities is a challenge. Making posters and admission forms, tracking admission forms, ensuring the safe environment elements are in place, and completing driver forms are examples of the type of work needed. Discussion ensued if the FFC should ask Father for this type of support. Can volunteers fill some of this void? Coordinating these volunteers would be challenging. **Action:** Youth Sub-Committee to raise the issue of administrative support needed to meet the Youth Sub-Committee goals with Father David.

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Adult – Cathy Anderson shared that a movie on Mother Theresa is planned for October 24th (2:00PM) at St. Therese. Father has talked about the movie at the Masses. It will be in the bulletin this week. Still discussing other activities such as having speakers or additional movies. A Lent event is being discussed, too. Talked about having a reading list that would supplement the October 24th movie for more information on Mother Theresa.

Vocations – Twyla reminded the FFC that Sister Eileen's 50th Jubilee is this Sunday following the 10:45 AM Mass and running until 2:30 PM. The Parish Activity Leaders are sponsoring all of the desserts. Parishioners are bringing crackers and cheese items. Meatballs will be provided using Knights of Columbus support. Some kitchen help is still needed. Pat Starr brought up the need to ensure that the receiving line is not all the way outside as we have experienced this before which discourages people from coming in. The FFC discussed how to spread out the food stations more and to keep Sister a bit farther back in the Gathering Space to help with this, too.

Other - Pat asked how Bridget is holding up with all of the Children and Youth Religious Education events/needs. She relayed it has been a bit crazy, but things are starting to come together. Father David has been very supportive and communicative. Confirmation is going well.

Twyla indicated that the November New Business topics would include a) how the FFC can support the RCIA efforts and b) if our posting of the FFC minutes are following recent Parish directions.

Closing Prayer was a Hail Mary said by all.