

Faith Formation Committee
January 11, 2011 - Minutes

Members Present: Fr. David Stevens, Bridget Dahlin, Kathleen Hawks, Karen Heiling, Deb Witte, Doug Basche, Cathy Anderson, Nancy Seaman, Michelle Pellman, Twyla Steinberger

I. Prayer – led by Fr. David

II. Approval of November minutes – Seaman motioned, Witte seconded to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

III. **Old Business**

• Sioux Falls Catholic Schools – Deb Witte

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated Jan 30 – Feb 6.

Father will promote St Lambert as our parish school.

Deb suggested we look at other ways to promote Catholic Schools throughout the year, versus just during Catholic Schools Week.

- 1) Possible display in the gathering space
- 2) Picture of St Lambert School hung in the gathering space
- 3) Distributing a St Lambert/SFCS update at the end of the school year
- 4) Certificate program – promote to parishioners that they can help St Therese parishioners attend Catholic Schools by directing their certificate rebate to St Therese parish.

Action: Motion to promote certificate program at Mass by Basche, seconded by Seaman. Motion carries.

• FFC meeting minutes – printed copy in binder – Twyla Steinberger
Shirley has PDF's of everything on her computer. She will put it in an archive file. It will be backed up like other parish items. Is there a need for a permanent paper copy?

Action: Hawks motioned to archive minutes on server and eliminate hard copy. Basche seconded. Motion carried.

IV. **New Business**

• Feedback Session concerning how we are fitting in/working with the other 2 standing committees (Liturgy and Social Outreach/Fellowship) – Twyla and Mic

- Committee re-structure that occurred a couple years ago was distributed to group. Input on how structure was working. Pat Starr is Faith Formation committee representative on Pastoral Council.

Recommendation: that co-chairs and Pat confirm prior to

Pastoral Council meeting to ensure a Faith Formation rep is attending.

- Concerns raised by members included:
 - 1) awareness of what each committee is doing
 - 2) how to enhance each other's efforts
 - 3) appreciation of all the activities everyone has going on

Suggestion: Father recommended quarterly meetings of all committee chairs, to stay better informed

Suggestion: Master Calendar in place and communicated

Suggestion: Master Planning prior to start of new fiscal year for more interaction and complementary activities between committees

- **New Roman Missal – Fr David**

Father informed committee members new missal will be in place Advent of 2011. Committee needs to give thought to activities and events to promote and help educate.

- **Youth Minister update**

Father will be evaluating and developing job descriptions for all staff over the next couple months. In the spring, plan to advertise the position. Bridget will maintain her current position through May with options available in the fall. The plan is to hire a full-time Middle and High School Religious Education and Youth Minister, and a second person for pre-K thru 5th grade at a little more than part-time like previously.

V. **Sub-committee reports**

- **Children**

Vacation Bible School – coordinate volunteer work with other parishes to share in props

- **Youth**

Turkey Scavenger Hunt – 13 families, including 25 students of which 2 were from other churches/parishes

Cookie Dough sales coordination is in progress. This will replace pizza sales this year as a fundraiser.

- **Adult**

Bible Study Group “The Great Adventure” – 70 people signed up. Cathy passed out summary of the event. All were impressed by the number participating.

Lighthouse CD series – A new table-top display is now available in the gathering space, at a much more affordable price of \$200. CD use and titles will be monitored and re-stocked as needed. Members were pleased with this display option.

- **Vocations**

National Vocations Awareness Week event – more than 60 people came for the soup, sandwich and stories event. All who attended

thought it was powerful messages about pursuing your vocation.
Father David, Bridget and Deacon Mike and Sheila spoke.

Committee members discussed planning ordination anniversaries
for both Fr David and Deacon Mike.

Heiling motioned to adjourn the meeting, Hawks seconded. Motion
carried.

VII. Closing Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Pellman