

St. Therese Faith Formation Committee  
February 8, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Bridget Dahlin, Nancy Seaman, Kathleen Hawks, John Faundeen, Doug Basche, Cathy Anderson, Tammy Badger, Deb Witte, Michelle Pellman, Barbara Lockwood, Pat Starr

Members Absent: Twyla Steinberger, Father Stevens

Prayer led by Bridget Dahlin.

Approval of January minutes as submitted.

### Old Business

Michelle Pellman reported on a session she had with Father David and other committee chairs regarding committee structure and communication changes within the Parish. Individual committees appear to be fairly established and functioning well, but seem to be working somewhat in silos and better communications amongst committees, especially with the Finance Committee, needs to occur. Cross communication through the Committees is the goal for this year, which will help build our common Parish goals.

Deb Witte lead a discussion on the Catholic Schools rebate program indicating this initiative will be mentioned regularly by the parish. Michelle relayed that bulletin inserts can be used to keep this in front of the Parish. Barbara Lockwood indicated that we may need to mention the Preschool Program soon because the enrollment numbers for 2011-12 are down from last year at this time. It is important to our school and to the parish to maintain the St. Therese site preschool, but we have to have enough students to make it viable and to support the 2 staff required. An open house and post cards have already been done this year. Barbara senses the location of St. Therese may be a little inconvenient for drop-off and pickup for current parishioners.

### New Business

Michelle reported that we do not need to have budget info until the next FFC meeting, but that each sub-committee should have this organized or ongoing now. Bring your top three goals and initial budget information to the March meeting with plans to finalize sub-committee budgets in April. Note that a Finance Committee rep will be present starting at our March meeting to better understand and bring our priorities to the Finance Council for final budget approval.

Michelle relayed that Stewardship sign-up starts the weekend of April 9/10. Each Committee will do the greeting and bring up the gifts giving each committee a presence at every mass for their assigned weekend. The FFC is scheduled for the weekend of March 26/27.

Mic passed on that the Lenten/Stewardship theme this year is the Bible "Listening for the Trumpet Call." Each week of Lent will have a variation related to that central theme.

### Sub-Committee Reports (focused on budget information)

Children/Youth - Bridget Dahlin and Pat Starr reported. Cookie Dough Fund Raiser scheduled for the last weekend of February / first weekend of March. To break even we need to sell 135 at \$15 each. We ordered 204 tubs. There may be a volume-pricing scheme implemented. Buyers will pickup up the dough the day they purchase which is different then originally planned. Totus Tuus is expected to break even as is the Vacation Bible School.

Adult - Cathy Anderson and Doug Basche relayed that we averaged \$1.50 per CD the suggested donation is \$3.00 which would be our break-even point for the discs. Tammy Badger stated that the announcement made at Mass implied that the CDs may be free. We should make attempts to impress a bit more that the Parish is paying for these. The FFC agreed to not raise the CD price from \$3, though as the message is the most important element here. Cathy suggested we have a box for previously listened to CDs. **Action:** Cathy & Doug will set aside a drop-off area for previously listened to CDs and signage making it more clear that the CD are not intended to be free. Cathy and Doug also reported that the adult Bible Study had a shortfall of \$127.80 however the sale of meat and cheese reduced the shortfall to \$51.30 net loss. The FFC felt this was actually quite minimal given that 68 people had signed up and that the cost was actually \$20 per person.

Vocations – No budget report provided.

Closing Prayer led by Pat Starr.