

St. Therese Faith Formation Committee

May 10, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Tammy Badger, Bridget Dahlin, Kathleen Hawks, Pat Starr, Cathy Anderson, Twyla Steinberger, Father David Stevens, Nancy Seaman

Members Absent: Karen Heiling, Deb Witte, Barbara Lockwood, John Faundeen, Michelle Pellman, Doug Basche

Prayer led by Father David Stevens.

April minutes were approved as submitted.

Pastoral Council Report

The vision scorecard was a way to evaluate the parish overall. It looked at things such as attendance, how we are doing, where we are going. There are three separate groups with funding for education. Donations to these groups should be directed to Father David. Father David will write up a reminder to the parishioners that these funds exist to use or to contribute to. Father David would also like a reminder in Nov/ Dec to again remind parishioners of these funds. It was suggested that the parish start up again with the Catholics - why do we do that bulletin inserts, to provide education in short verse that explains our faith more in depth.

Old Business

Budget for 2011-2012: Twyla Steinberger relayed that she talked with Ryan White and he said that they are still in the process of finalizing the budget. They meet next Tuesday and we would likely have more info at the next meeting. Any funds spent by the committee that is not an ongoing expense needs to be okayed by Father David.

Religious education time preferred survey: Not put together yet but will be. Information should be gathered by July as Father David needs to decide by then the times for religious education.

FFC Fundraising meal: At the meal over \$400 in income cleared.

Yearly parish events calendar planning: It is important to get going on yearly calendar planning. All committees should start putting things together and send in events via email. PALS have asked for a 90 day window. Father David suggest that the yearly calendar will help all committees support and be fair to each other. Many parish events are planned from subcommittee goals. We need to finalize our subcommittee goals so they are website ready. Put together and submit activities or events to occur between June 2011 and August 2012. Please email calendar events and website ready goals to Twyla.

Father David

Youth Minister update: Not much to report. The next two weeks are important to getting info out there and starting the process. Hopefully more to report next month.

Seminarian Andy Young: He is in Rome with exams in June. We are hoping for his arrival to be the end of June or the beginning of July. It is unclear at this time how long he will be with us. Father David would like the parish to put on an event for him. An event to welcome him and encourage him in his vocation. Towards the beginning of his time here, he will be speaking one

weekend at all the masses after communion. The event conversation lead to maybe having a meet and greet after these masses so he could meet people in spurts. Father will email Andy Young to firm up some dates. Father David will also be encouraging people to invite him over to their homes. Pat Starr volunteered (with help from Father David) to organize this and put together a list of nights Andy Young would be available. Father David also wants to encourage parishioners to continue communication with him after his time with us is over.

New Business

Term limits for FFC members: We need to start planning how to turn over members without losing momentum. The goal is to not have the new members starting over. One way to help new members would be to become more organized first. Committees and subcommittees should put together binders with meeting notes. To do this subcommittees should have a chair person or a recorder. It was also mentioned that an events checklist should be put together with details such as deadlines for newsletter and bulletin inserts, contacts information, month to start planning budget, and other tidbits of useful information.. Also the put together calendar will help. A place to start to look for new members may be stewardship sign up forms. The new members will need to be mentored. This will be talked more about at the meeting in June.

Subcommittee reports

Children: Committee did not meet last month.

Youth: They will be having an end of the year minute to win it challenge. There are seven youth (with two more possible) going on the Valley Fair Trip. Father David will be chaperoning.

Adult: New CD's were ordered. There will be a feature CD each week. Bible study survey indicated everyone enjoyed the bible study and Father David directing it, saying it was faith filled and well-explained. Survey indicated there was interest in speakers, bible study, movies and many were willing to tear up and take down. Father Mangan's talk on Mary will be on May 18. There will not be a dinner but desserts will be brought.

Vocations: June 26th is Father's anniversary. Committee wants to help Father celebrate with maybe a afternoon grill out. John is asking the Knights to see if they can help any. Father David will talk with vocations committee to start to organize. Father David also mentioned maybe an outside benediction or a procession.

Other

Saint Lambert's will have a representative speak about the building project at a mass in June. The building project is scheduled for August thru December, building an addition with room for 3 ½ classrooms. Catholic school system has pledged \$150,000 to the project. We may not have full preschool as numbers are way down.