

St Therese Parish
Faith Formation Meeting minutes
August 9, 2011

Attendees: Doug Basche, Nancy Seaman, Michelle Pellman, Twyla Steinberger, Bridget Dahlin, Pat Starr, Tammy Badger

Prayer was led by Twyla.

Minutes – Approved as submitted

Pastoral Council Report – Pat Starr reported that Pastoral Council and Finance Committee toured St Lambert School during their June meeting.

Old Business

1. **Budget for 2011-12** – Pat Starr reported that Pastoral Council approved the budget for 2011-12 fiscal year. Finance Committee feels the parish is operating at a bare bones budget while maintaining the necessary staff and activities to keep the parish vibrant. Faith Formation Committee was approved for \$250 for Fiscal Year 2012.

\$100 - speaker honorariums (Adult)

\$100 - Adult Bible study (Adult)

\$25 – Fr David anniversary (Vocations)

\$25 – Deacon Mike anniversary (Vocations)

Remaining needs will be met with the \$549 carry-forward balance from last year.

2. **Yearly Parish Events Calendar planning meeting** – Meeting with the 3 standing committees (Social Outreach, Faith Formation, and Liturgy) is scheduled for August 25, at 6 pm. All committee members are encouraged to attend.

* **Monthly Activity List** – Tabled until next month to follow event planning meeting on Aug 25

* **Goals on the Website** – Approved as written. **Action Item:** Twyla will submit to Shirley for posting on the website.

3. **FFC Continuity**

* **Membership** – Twyla distributed an updated list of term interests by members. John Faundeen, Doug Basche, and Karen Heiling have requested to end their term effective immediately, Five members will serve thru the coming fiscal year, while 2 members are interested in staying for 2 years. Two parishioners showed interest in joining Faith Formation through Sign-up Sunday forms. **Action Item:** Twyla will contact these individuals and invite them to our September meeting. **Action Item:** Mic Pellman will set up a meeting with Shirley and Fr David to discuss recruitment.

* **Sub-committee binders** – As a means to recruit new members and maintain continuity of committee and sub-committees, **Action Item:** Twyla will develop a binder template that each subcommittee can use to add notes and minutes, event planning etc.

4. **July Picnic** – All committee members agree this is a great tradition to continue.

Fr David updates

Father was unable to attend, so committee & staff gave updates as possible.

1) Seminarian Andy Young – Parish enjoyed our time with Andy. Faith Formation will add Andy's ordination to the June calendar of events and promote.

2) Youth Minister Update – Father David is very close to making a decision on the Youth Minister position and announcing to the parish. Both Pat and Bridget were involved in the interview process, and felt the interview process was very thorough.

New Business

No new business to report

Sub-committee Reports

Children's –

- 78 Children participated in Vacation Bible School the last week in July, with nearly 30 students signing up the week prior to.
- 50 children and 15 youth attended Totus Tuus in June.
- Religious Education schedule and volunteers – Bridget reported that she's just begun the teacher recruitment process, and the committee encouraged her to contact us should she need assistance calling for volunteers. Religious Ed starts Sept 7 & 11.

Youth –

- Bonfire w/St Lamberts did not take place.
- Andy Young organized a confirmation mixer where 18 students showed. Andy organized all activities and cooked the meal.

Adult – no report

Vocations –

Andy Young's Meet and Greets after masses – committee members reported that they heard many positive comments from parishioners, and would recommend similar events.

A special thanks to Doug Basche, John Faundeen and Karen Heiling for their service on the Faith Formation Committee the past few years. God's blessings to you all!

Next meeting – Tuesday, Sept 13 at 6:30 pm.

Closing Prayer was led by Bridget.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Pellman