

Faith Formation Committee
June 14, 2011

MINUTES

- Prayer – was led by Fr David
- Approval of May minutes – approved as submitted
- Pastoral Council Report – no report
- Old Business
 - Budget for 2011-2012 - – No update from Finance Council as to Faith Formation budget approval. The budget will be finalized in 2 weeks at the joint meeting of Finance and Pastoral Council.
 - Religious Education Time Preference Survey
 - Yearly Parish Events Calendar Planning - Parish staff will be meeting on June 28 for the Master calendar building meeting for Fiscal Year 2012. In the weeks following that meeting, the various committees can meet to brainstorm activities and plug in event ideas into that same master calendar.
 - Activity dates June 2011 to August 2012 – Committee will meet with other parish committees to brainstorm and add events to the master calendar once parish staff have met. That meeting has yet to be coordinated
 - Subcommittee goals for publication – Committee members met to finalize goals after the meeting adjourned. Will be sent out to the entire committee once budget is approved and events finalized for FY2012.
 - FFC Continuity with Membership Changes
 - Term Limits – The committee suggested members serve 2 year terms, with half the members rotating off while half stay for continuity. Anyone wanting to serve additional terms will be welcome to remain. Current survey of members shows 6 of the 10 members having already served 3 years, 2 members serving 2 years, and 2 members just completing their first year. ACTION ITEM: Please email Twyla if you interested in serving 1 more year or 2 more years.
 - We will also check the Stewardship Sign Up for any new member interest.
 - Binders and Recorders – To help ease transition from one committee member to another, members agreed that individual binders be kept for each sub-committee and housed at St Therese in parish. These binders will serve as checklist of various events done by each group throughout the year. ACTION ITEM: Co-chairs will draft sample binders, and summary template for use.

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□ Fr David

- Youth Minister Update – * Fr David will begin phone interviews this week with applicants for youth minister position. He's received over 20 applications from all over the U.S.* Father emphasized that if the right candidate is not found, we will not hire just to fill the position. It has to be the right person for the job. * Father requested an alternate Faith Formation committee member in the event Pat Starr is unavailable for any personal interviews. Committee members suggested Karen Heiling be asked first, with Deb Witte should Karen decline * Bridget suggested asking current youth from our parish for questions they want asked by the interview team.
- Seminarian Andy Young Update - Fr David shared that tentative dates for Andy's welcome celebration weekend will be either July 16-17 or July 23-24. He will be here for only a short time, and will return to Rome after the August 7-8, 2011 weekend. Twyla clarified that Vocations Subcommittee will oversee activities but that Andy's celebration is a parish-wide event.

□ New Business

- July Get-Together – committee members agreed to no July meeting but gather for a picnic potluck like last year. Twyla will call to reserve a shelter at Riverdale Park. Members can pitch in dollars toward chicken. Each member is asked to bring a salad or dessert to share as well as their beverage. Picnic is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, July 12 at 6 pm. More details to follow. ACTION ITEM: Please RSVP Mic Pellman if attending and whether bringing salad or dessert.

□ Sub-committee reports

- Children – Totus Tuus has 43 children (1st -6th grade), and 7-8 youth helpers (grades 7-12). Our goal is to have 56 children signed up to cover our Totus Tuus costs. Vacation Bible schools is scheduled for July and already 30 children are signed up.
- Youth - Minute to Win It - Valley Fair Trip. Both went well, with 16 students from St Therese attending the Valley Fair trip. A bonfire in July is planned with St Lambert parish.
- Adult - Fr Mangan's talk on Mary had 9 attendees. The committee agreed May was not a good month due to so many activities Topic was great, but a better time of year would have been better.
- Vocations - Fr David's Anniversary Celebration is scheduled for June 26 from Noon – 2 pm. Sub sandwiches are planned with salads and desserts. No program is planned.

- Closing Prayer Twyla led the group in praying a Hail Mary.

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Pellman