

St Therese Faith Formation (Education) Committee
2-12-09 minutes

Present: Tammy Badger, Michelle Pellman, Sheila Conrads, Bill VanRoe, Cathy Anderson, Twyla Steinberger, Fr Hal Barber, Eric Schmidt

Absent: Kay Ballard, John Faundeen, Karen Heiling, Pat Starr, Bridget Dahlin, Barbara Lockwood, Mike McInerney

Twyla led opening prayer.

New members were welcomed and introductions were made.

Minutes: Minutes were read. Motion made by Eric to approve and seconded by Tammy. Minutes were approved.

Old Business: Follow up on Stewardship Book. Bridget has completed her part for Totus Tuus changes. Fr Hal and Eric have meet and changes are pending for 6-12 grade programming. The Dave Ramsey Series will remain under the Development Committee.

New Business:

Communication: Discussion over preferences for copies or “print your own” for meeting agendas and minutes. Each member will print off their own agenda and/or minutes for each meeting. Discussion over preferences for a synopsis of meeting minutes or actual meeting minutes from Pastoral Council and other standing committees. Twyla will forward all meeting minutes via e-mail from Pastoral Council, Social Outreach Fellowship, Liturgy, and Development Committees to all Faith Formation Committee members.

Explore a meeting time change: Discussion due to the fact that one committee member has a standing conflict for Thursday night meetings. Meeting time is changed to 2nd Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be at St Therese at 6:30pm on March 10th. (Bill VanRoe volunteered to bring pizza! Thanks Bill! ☺)

Dream big: Members shared dreams of what they would like to see Faith Formation look like at St Therese Parish in 5 years. See following chart. Ideas shared by more than one member are designated in the first column.

II	Family program for religious education
II	Educating parents with their children
II	Empowering parents to pass on the faith to their children within the home
II	Family Events
II	“Youth groups” for children of all ages...maybe on a monthly basis
III	Promote depth in adult Faith Formation (at St Therese or jointly with other parishes)
I	Parish library for all ages
III	Whole parish faith events (plays, speakers, retreats (at St T or jointly w/ other parishes)
I	Children & young adult liturgies 1x/month
I	Master plan activities and calendar (something for everyone)

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1	Increased involvement in education ministries
1	Open to new ideas as a parish
11	Attract new members and help the parish grow – evangelize
1	Ways to engage less-active Catholics
1	Parent meetings to introduce parents to the Religious Education curriculum
1	Marriage preparation classes (PMI) that are more couple specific
11	Post confirmation (11 grade – 30 yr old) programming
1	Conversion
1	Everyone feels pride and belonging
1	Intergenerational activities
1	Cultivate a “If you’re not dead, you’re not done!” attitude in the parish
1	Promote daily Mass and the Tuesday night Rosary

Discussion began about what vision we hold as a team/committee. We will continue this discussion at the next meeting. Please come prepared to share your ideas if you haven't already.

Brief discussion about “How to begin?” We want to lay a strong foundation and set up a process/plan for how the committee will proceed. How do we begin to address Goals #1 and #3 as presented by the task force? We will continue this discussion at the next meeting.

Goal #1: To boost spiritual education in every level of the parish, the intent would be to implement a minimum of 6 new education opportunities in the first year.

Goal #3: Review all existing ministries and evaluate their efficacy on an annual basis.

Fr. Hal led the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted: Cathy Anderson & Twyla Steinberger