

St Therese Faith Formation Committee  
3-10-09 Minutes

Members present: Pat Starr, Cathy Anderson, Karen Heiling, Bill Van Roe, Mike McInerney, Bridget Dahling, Twyla Steinberger, Michelle Pellman, and Kay Ballard.

Special Thanks to Bill for providing the Pizza!!

I. Prayer – Steinberger led the group in prayer.

II. Minutes

McInerney moved to approve minutes, Ballard seconded. Committee approved.

III. Communication

Pastoral Council – The next Pastoral Council meeting will confirm how finances/budget will be organized for the coming budget year.

IV. Old Business

**A. St Therese Faith Formation in 5 years... what's your dream?**

1) Twyla noted John Faundeen's additions to the committee's goals/dreams.

2) Karen Heiling & Kay Ballard offered the following suggestions:

\* A parish with lots of activity, both large and small group functions for all ages.

\* Work to grow all education ministries together

\* Family component

\* A community church versus just a Catholic church

**B. Vice-chair and sub committee positions**

1) Vice Chair – Twyla asked for non-standing members interested in the position. No one volunteered. Twyla asked that members pray over the decision, and tabled this item until next meeting.

2) Sub-committee positions – Twyla briefly explained the need for members to serve on one of the four sub-committees: Children's, Youth, Adult, and Vocations. No precedent has been set on these roles, so can develop as members see

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appropriate. Committee members are to bring preferences to April meeting.

Kay Ballard – Children’s Ministries

V. New Business

**A. Demographics**

Committee reviewed summary of demographical data available through ParishSoft database, which will be helpful in the future as the committee develops different programming.

**B. Budget**

March begins the budget process for the church to be finalized in June. Members discussed the need for Faith Formation committee to operate budget neutral. Others added the need for the committee to be fiscally responsible realizing as a new committee the need for some dollars for programming.

**C. Proposed Plans**

Members discussed the two sample annual calendars Twyla developed for reviewing and developing programming for the four Faith Formation sub-committees. Members preferred Option B conceptually, which favored a few longer half-day meetings dedicated to programming for each sub-committee. Adjustments may be needed on where each ministry falls in the calendar year.

VI. Closing prayer – Twyla led the group in closing prayer.

**VII. Next Meeting April 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm**

Homework items:

- Vice Chair position consideration
- Sub-committee preferences
- Prepare to discuss Children’s ministries

Submitted by: Michelle Pellman