

St Therese Faith Formation Committee
7-14-09 Agenda

Members Present: Karen Heiling, Michelle Pellman, Sheila Conrads, Cathy Anderson, Twyla Steinberger, Nancy Seaman, Father Hal Barber, John Faundeen

Not Present: Tammy Badger, Pat Starr, Bridget Dahlin, Mike McInerney, Eric Schmidt

Prayer – led by all using a prayer Twyla Steinberger provided.

Minutes - Motion by Cathy Anderson to approve as written, Karen Heiling seconded. Unanimously approved.

Communication

Sign Up Sunday – Twyla Steinberger relayed that she is not sure how to proceed regarding who has signed up as the number of people is large, though none for the Faith formation Committee (FFC). Shirley Donnelly had suggested leaders of each group take some names to divide up the load and start the contact process.

New Members- As indicated above, we still are in need of at least two new members. **Action:** FFC to pass names to Twyla Steinberger by 7/24/09. Karen Heiling will work with Pat Starr on the Youth Sub-Committee. Twyla Steinberger will represent the Vocations Sub-Committee until someone else is identified from FFC.

Welcome Task Force – Michelle Pellman stated that this group had a good meeting led by Julie Derner. They developed a mission statement to guide the group. Another meeting is being set up for next week to establish categories to focus on. Father Hal Barber noted that this group displayed a lot of enthusiasm. The group is trying to determine how the Neighborhood Parish Leaders interact with this group. A sense of community is one of the strong goals to get across to newcomers and those not very engaged in the Parish.

Website – Twyla Steinberger indicated that the Parish Committee pages have been set up. The site also allows one to establish meeting reminders. Everyone expects the pages to contain good, relevant information.

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Budget – According to Twyla Steinberger the Finance Council does not plan on establishing a representative to the FFC an instead will deal with our needs on a case-by-case basis. Initially, around \$300 is expected to be available to the FFC.

Children’s Ministries – Bridget Dahlin is on vacation now so no report, but Twyla Steinberger will ask her to email us a status report for Children’s Ministries Sub-Committee meeting, Totus Tuus , Vacation Bible School, and K-5th Religious Education.

Youth Ministries – Eric Schmidt was not present so Twyla Steinberger will ask him to email his report to the group as well. Below provided by Eric after the meeting via email:

- Thunder Road – low attendance due to bad weather
- Totus Tuus – 4-5 students attended regularly over the week. Overall attendance low.
- Catechists – 3 short as of 7/14/09
- Religious Ed Sunday Night Curriculum done in 1-1 ½ weeks as of 7/14/09
- Confirmation Curriculum done by the end of July

Adult Ministries – Cathy Anderson and Sheila Conrads reporting. RCIA will start in a couple of weeks and will use the same book. Sheila Conrads feels that we need more follow-up with the RCIA graduates. Twyla Steinberger offered that perhaps this is an area the Welcome Committee could address these folks. FFC members agreed that this would be a good fit. FFC members discussed how this is an overall Parish responsibility, also. A Faith Sharing Group of Women is meeting regularly with 12 members signed up and attendance averaging around eight. Sheila Conrads would like to see another group startup. Sign Up Sunday did have some interested people from which a new group may be started. Cathy Anderson discussed her idea to call other churches to see what they do for Adult Ministries. Wondering if they use speakers, have classes, etc. Father Hal Barber relayed four couples are involved in the pre-marital sessions and that the inventory the couples fill out is a great assistance in determining what to areas that need to be discussed further. A question was asked if the teaching couples meet as a group and if so, how could the FFC assist them. Father Hal Barber indicated that the group has not met, but feels that they should and he will get that going. FFC decided that once the teaching couples are meeting, we could engage them to see where we might help out.

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Old Business

Meeting Minutes – FFC agreed that the review process of one week is sufficient before the minutes are passed to Shirley Donnelly for posting. If an error is discovered, we can document it at the following FFC meeting and the recorder will provide a new file the Church.

New Business

Vocation Ministries – FFC needs a representative.

Survey – Bridget Dahlin had discussed with Twyla Steinberger that we really don't know what the Parish needs. Pat Starr had provided a tool called Survey Monkey that would be an inexpensive means to obtain a survey. The tool has a free option that allows 100 responses to be accumulated, but does not let one print the information or to load it into a spreadsheet for analysis. For \$20 a month 1,000 responses can be accumulated, a PDF summary generated, and a spreadsheet file generated. The FFC felt that 1,000 responses would probably cover our needs and that only one month would be needed. Discussion centered upon the criticality of assembling the best set of questions. Could both spouses from a household respond? FFC felt yes, as they may have different views and needs. We could also obtain some demographic information such as gender, age, and marital status though each of these fields would count against our total in the survey. **Action:** FFC members to provide Michelle Pellman with survey questions by 7-28-09. We also discussed giving some Parish members the initial survey questions to both obtain some feedback and perhaps build some buy-in for the survey.

Closing Prayer – led by Father Hal Barber

Next Meeting is 8-11-09 at 6:30PM