

St Therese Faith Formation Committee  
9-8-09 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Michelle Pellman, Tammy Badger, Cathy Anderson, Nancy Seaman, Father Hal Barber, John Faundeen, Bridget Dahlin, Eric Schmidt, Doug Basche, Pat Starr, Karen Heiling

Not Present: Twyla Steinberger, Sheila Conrads, Mike McInerney, Barbara Lockwood

Prayer – led by Father Hal Barber.

Minutes – Discussion on the wording of the August FFC meeting concerning the Little Flower Foundation. The minutes for August will be amended and redistributed for FFC approval.

Michelle Pellman led the meeting and began by introducing Doug Basche to the FFC as our newest member. Michelle briefly discussed the FFC's goals of assessing what we currently possess while determining what St. Therese needs regarding faith formation in our parish.

Old Business - The majority of the meeting involved discussing the questions in the survey, which the FFC intends to distribute to parishioners to help direct our efforts. Michelle Pellman led this discussion after handing out the draft questions compiled by herself, Nancy Seaman and Ron Seaman. The FFC suggested mixing up the question types to include essay, check-boxes, rating scale, and Yes-No which would hopefully be easier on the parish respondents filling out the survey. General consensus was to not over-burden the survey with essay type questions, which might prompt respondents to quit the survey. Michelle stressed the need to cover our four FFC focus areas of Children's Ministries, Youth Ministry, Adult Ministries, and Vocation Ministries. Many questions, especially those containing check box type questions, had an "Other" box added to capture input that we might not have thought of. After going through each question, some were re-worded, and others were removed due to being redundant or unclear as to what we would do with the responses.

New Business – Setting November half-day planning meeting for Adult & Vocation ministries discussion and review. Twyla Steinberger had envisioned that the survey results could be reviewed at such a meeting, to aid in Adult and Vocation program idea development. The FFC felt that the timetable would not allow the survey to be completed, tested, sent out, and results gathered. The survey itself is to be finalized at the October FFC meeting where it is hoped that the questions could be viewed from Survey Monkey using a display system at the Parish. November could be used to test the survey with a small group of parishioners to ensure that we haven't overlooked anything. The FFC members felt that releasing the survey in December would allow results to be

compiled by the end of January. In light of this revised plan, Michelle felt that a November planning meeting could still be set up to brainstorm Adult and Vocation ministry program ideas, and adjust those ideas to include the survey results. FFC members agreed to have a longer, perhaps 2-hour, session on our regularly scheduled meeting of November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Cathy Anderson asked Doug Basche to serve on the Adult Ministries group. Doug agreed.

Closing Prayer led by Bridget Dahlin.

Next Meeting October 13, 6:30 pm