

Faith Formation Committee
Minutes
November 8, 2011

Attendance: Cathy Anderson, Tammy Badger, Bridget Dahlin, Kathleen Hawks, Michelle Pellman, Twyla Steinberger, Fr. David Stevens

Prayer was lead by Bridget.

The approval of September minutes was deferred as they had not been published on the website for members to review. It was decided they would be reviewed and voted upon for approval at the December meeting. *ACTION: Twyla will see that the September meeting minutes are published to the website.*

Pastoral Council Report was included in Fr. David's update.

Fr David stated that there had been nothing of great significance for our committee in the last Pastoral Council meeting. Fr. reported that everything is working together to have the New Roman Missal in place for the beginning of Advent. There will be a Novena for the New Missal beginning on November 18th. Fr. stated these are very exciting times for the Youth of our parish. The Confirmation class will be delivering Thanksgiving meals to shut-ins from our parish during their upcoming class period. Fr. expressed the importance of youth experiencing their faith in action as well as learning about it in a class. Fr. also reported that the 2 mission trips for the youth now have dates on the calendar.

Old Business

A parish-wide Standing Committee meeting will be held on April 30, 2012. The purpose of this meeting will be to turn in our calendar items for the coming fiscal year which runs from July 2012 to June 2013. This is important to continue our proactive approach to planning for our committee activities and working with other standing committees for the benefit of the whole parish.

The continuity of the Faith Formation Committee was discussed beginning with the issue of our current membership shortage. Twyla reported that we are looking for 5 committee members - one to fill the role of secretary and one for each of the 4 subcommittees. Michelle reported that she had turned in a request for the bulletin and a Mass announcement. Twyla reported that she had contacted the prayer chain to ask for prayers for the situation. We had 2 people sign up for the Faith Formation Committee at Sign-Up Sunday. One had made a mistake in thinking she was re-signing up for the Children's Subcommittee. The other wants to be involved on a seasonal basis in helping with actual events, but prefers to not be a part of the planning process. Cathy said she had another person who she knew of who was interested in helping with actual events as well.

Bridget asked if it would be appropriate to see if someone on the children's subcommittee would be willing to serve on the FFC representing the Children's Subcommittee. It was determined that using sub-committees as an entry point for recruiting members to the FFC and using the FFC as an entry point for recruiting members for the sub-committees would be healthy for all the committees. It was determined that the biggest challenge for sub-committee recruitment is the Adult and Vocations Subcommittees as there is no direct parent involvement and buy-in like there is with the Children's and Youth Subcommittees. The list from the Bible study that was held last January will be used to recruit volunteers to the Adult Subcommittee. The importance of a combination of personal invitation and open invitations was discussed. Fr David stated that our committee is not experiencing a unique problem. He proposed the idea of using Mass times in January to teach about the importance of the ministries of each of the standing committees and follow that with an opportunity for someone from each of the standing committee to share personally about their experiences serving and invite parishioners to do the same. *ACTION: Fr David will explore this idea with staff and the other standing committees and report back.*

It was decided that copies of the Event/Activity Worksheet would be available for committee members in a paper form with a few of them passed out and the rest stored with the subcommittee binders at the church. It was also decided members would like the option of the form stored on-line somewhere so they could print it off at home in order to fill it out. *ACTION: Twyla will print the forms, determined where they and the binders will be stored at the church, and explore ways to store the form on-line so it can be printed from home if desired.*

The "Things You Need to Know" sheet is still being formulated by staff. Bridget reports they are being very careful to include accurate information that would be able to be used by any committee. The staff addressed questions concerning this form to the FFC Co-chairs. These questions have not been answered due to time and energy being directed toward member recruitment and the master calendar. *ACTION: Michelle and Twyla will address staff's questions regarding the "Things You Need to Know" sheet.*

VI. New Business

Committee members began to put the remaining 2011-2012 FFC activities onto the current church master calendar.

- November
 - New Roman Missal education - Life Teen DVD's
 - *Activity Coordinator – Fr David*
 - Turkey Bingo - 11/20/11
 - Assisted by - Michelle and Kathleen
 - Holy Souls Challenge & Activities for Veterans
 - *Activity Coordinator – Bridget Dahlin*
 - Month of November
 - Assisted by - Children's Ministry members

- December
 - Christmas Caroling (with a pizza party if the Holy Souls Challenge is met)
 - *Activity Coordinator - Bridget*
 - 12/11/11
 - Assisted by - Children's Ministry members
 - Advent Retreat for Children Pre-K to 4th grade – tentative activity
 - *Activity Coordinator - Sarah Kanable*
 - 12/10/11
 - Assisted by - ??
 - Display and information about St Therese being the patroness of Alaska
 - *Activity Coordinator - Twyla Steinberger*
 - 12/10/11 & 12/11/11 - Bishop Kettler's Bake Sale
 - Assisted by - ??
- January
 - A Walk Through the Mass
 - *Activity Coordinator – Cathy Anderson*
 - 1/9/12, 1/16/12, 1/26/12, 1/30/12, 2/6 or 13/12
 - Assisted by - ??
 - Vocations Banner for Vocations Awareness Week
 - *Activity Coordinator – Kathleen Hawks*
 - 1/8/12 – 1/14/12 - Vocations Awareness Week
 - Assisted by - ??
 - Deacon Mike's Ordination Celebration
 - *Activity Coordinator – Cathy Anderson*
 - 1/15/12 - with KC's Omelet Breakfast
 - Assisted by - ??

Vacation Dates for Fr David are tentatively 2/8/12 to 2/15/12. Shirley will be on vacation from 1/16/12 to 1/28/12.

FFC activities for February through June will be determined at the December meeting. Fr. shared the possible use of a DVD set entitled "Catholicism" during Lent.

The closing prayer was lead by Fr. David

Respectfully submitted by
Twyla Steinberger – acting secretary