

Faith Formation Commission

Meeting Minutes - 5/11/2015

Present: Tara Roeckers, Janelle Appleton, Leslie Uzlik, Judy Doonan-Twohy

Next Meeting: June 8th

I. Prayer was led by Janelle Appleton

II. Staff Reports – Judy

- a. Pat Howard – Submitted a Teen Faith Formation Report. In it he discussed “Redesigning Sunday Approach to Faith Formation.” Judy Doonan-Twohy recapped the report and then the committee discussed how as a committee we could support Howard and parents
 - a. Faith Formation Support Events, like those at All Saints, was discussed. These events would target both parents and children. (i.e. mother/daughter tea) They would provide parents with practice to share their faith with their child in a safe environment while being guide through activities. These events would focus on real life application.

III. Parish Pastoral Council Report – Leslie

- a. Grow Survey – Leslie reported on that the Grow Survey information is on the SJN website. She also reported on the idea of focus groups. This is something that was brought up by the council to delve into areas that were brought up in the survey. The following focus groups were mentioned:
 - a. Communication
 - b. Parishioner Involvement
 - c. Youth Faith Formation (Teen)
 - d. Adult Faith Formation – (Elderly)
 - e. Collaboration with other parishes
 - f. Fiscal Responsibility /Transparency with Financial State
- b. Discernment Meeting – April 30th, 3 new Pastoral Council Members with 2 alternates
- c. Grow Survey information is available on SJN website

IV. Structure of FFC – How are we going to run our commission next year?

- a. After a discussion, the commission came to a consensus that unlike other commissions, FF needs to meet on a monthly basis. We will continue to take off the month of July.
- b. We will continue to look for new members. When a new member joins the commission, Judy or Tara Roeckers will meet with the member prior to the first meeting to bring the individual up to speed.

V. FFC Recruitment – Tabled

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Upon a review of the nights discuss and previous meetings, a discussion was had about the theme of common topics. This led to a “mission statement” for Faith Formation Commission. It was decided that all future topics of discussion and ideas will be filtered through this mission. This will help us stay focus.
 - a. SJN's FFC goal is to:
 - i. Empower parents to live and pass on their faith.
 - ii. Re-educate our parishioners that FF is ongoing and doesn't end with Confirmation