

MEETING DETAILS

Description: Faith Formation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 12-1-16

Time: 6pm

Location: SJN

Chair: Nikki (for Joe Raasch)

Members

- **Present:** Nikki, Niki, Brad
 - **Additional Attendees:** Pat, Don, Deb, Leah (?)
 - **Absent:** Bob, Lisa, Terri, Joe
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OPENING ACTIVITIES

- Opening Prayer
- By-Laws require one meeting per year to be “open” meeting – FFC recommends March '17 meeting for “open” meeting

Agenda Item 1...Faith Formation Visioning 2017-2018 and Beyond

Long Range Plan Focus Area: Answer the Question: Is the Eucharist the Center of Faith for Youth?

Short Term / Current Year Goal/Objective(s):

Discussion:

- Is what we are doing in faith formation connected with this?
- Issue: Faith Formation – Youth aren’t coming to mass on Sunday and aren’t fully engaged in the Eucharist
- Pilot Solution: Three sessions all on Sunday and aligned with mass times
 - 1 after 10am, 2 in evening
 - Allows for engaging and involving entire family (quarterly family masses – all involved, geared towards whole, interaction, speakers, etc.)
 - More social or service - common service theme (t-giving baskets, e.g.)
 - Questions to consider: what happens to donut Sunday, time for music, how much time to move to other rooms?
 - Space constraint with all on Sunday? The team thinks it’s possible
 - Youth sign up for one; flexibility to attend other as schedule requires
 - Large group but still small groups as well
- “Chosen” is being piloted now, 1 class in (9/10 grades)
 - Kids need someone to invest in them, this model allows them to do that
 - Feedback on program is very positive

- Life Teen = youth / MS/ HS program similar, anchors Mass – “Chosen” is adaptation of Life Teen
- Should lead to more children’s masses / teen masses
- Engage families as part of faith formation will get to root of issue, families not attending mass
- Chosen – much better than Decision Point; Chosen – no App, kids are given code to do video at home
- Will not drop home taught because of this; have to have due to schedule conflicts
- Light House on Wednesday – unknown on what happens to lighthouse on Wednesday

Action/Decisions Made:

- No action / decision required by FFC
- Previous decision by other committee is to pilot Chosen program for approximately three years

Agenda Item 2...”What Can the FFC Do With This? How Can We Help?”

Discussion:

- Knowing families, how will they respond? Help them understand the reasoning for the change; listen to their concerns
- Special needs issues / concerns?
- Branding and presenting of this is critical – a really big deal!
- Good for committee to have discussions, do we want to have a lot; do we want that to be a discussion or what the right questions are?
- As things solidify, better picture to present outward to parish
- Changes are coming; exactly what to be determined
- No matter what we do, people will be upset – understand and have empathy
- Goal – point of change is to get people to mass?
 - Change elementary and middle school curriculum
 - Engaging - sacramentally and educationally
 - Liturgy based curriculum, not a disconnect, connect it to the Eucharist
 - Let’s make sure it is a family event
- Not change for at least 3 years; not changing after one year; KPI’s are crucial in how we’ll measure success of Faith Formation

Action/Decisions Made:

- No decisions were required of FFC