

## **SJN Faith Formation Committee Meeting March 12, 2019 - Agenda & Minutes**

Attendees: Nick Esch      Jen Sherman      Dan Wahl      Terri Wong      Pat Howard  
                 Erin Swift      Mike Meirink      Father Doug Ebert  
Absent: Patricia Ogbeide-Ihama      Bob Gerads

1) **Opening Prayer:** Group reading of "Prayer from Fasting to Feasting"

2) **Welcome and intros** (5 min.)

3) **Book Discussion** (Chapters 4 – 6) – All (15 min.)

‘A Devotional Journey into the Mass’, *by Christopher Carstens*

a) Chap 4, ‘How to Listen To the Readings’

b) Chap 5, ‘How to Prepare the Heart at the Offertory’

c) Chap 6, ‘How to Participate in the Eucharistic Prayer’

Comments:

- The Mass becomes more engaging, more real
- Focuses your mind on the symbolism
- Mass is a time of sacrifice & connection to God. Very relatable in this season of Lent
- Mass connects everyone from the start of the Church – entire world.

4) **Staffing Update** – Pat Howard (5 min.)

- 13 Job applicants received for the Youth Ministry Position. 5 are being interviewed in the next 2 weeks. Start date is 5-15.
- Currently 3 individuals are contracted to cover various responsibilities in the interim.

5) **Ministry Updates** – Liaison reports (keep it brief) (15 min)

- a. Nick – Pat: Pat provided the update on filling the open position
- b. Erin – Theresa: Family Night went well on Sunday, 50 families in attendance. Preparations are in process for the 2<sup>nd</sup> group on Wednesday evening (3-13).
- c. Jen – Tonya: Efforts focused on volunteer updates on Essentials 3, Baptismal certificate verification for upcoming 1<sup>st</sup> Communion and Confirmation participants, and VBS planning
- d. Terri – Pat: Budget season, Parish Retreat plans – need volunteers for hospitality (serving & clean up), new Bible Study, Bible and the Sacraments starts this week running into May

## 6) Culture of Catechesis (40 Min) -Get the Message out

- Develop Flyer for Catechists

Copies of an initial draft of the tri-fold flyer were provided for the group to review.

Suggested changes include adding training plans, calendar of class dates, Catechist quotes on the program – well planned, fun, no experience required, change images to be more appealing, move mission to inside and add Volunteer request statement to front cover, include a sign up section on back page to include current volunteer commitment for next year, pairing option, substitute option, identify return option(s) and for more info. **Jen volunteered to work with Tonya** on changes and forward an updated draft to committee members by email. **The finished flyer is to complete by April 1<sup>st</sup>.**

- Social Media, Electronically and Print material

Develop an Activity Plan for posting and sharing

A promotional timeline was requested to chart out the timing of all planned activities between April 1<sup>st</sup> and the new school year. **Dan will work on the format and coordinate with Pat to add content.** Calendar will include potential activities identified by committee members when confirmed:

- Recruitment Plans
  1. Slideshow playing in the background during donut Sundays in the social hall and ongoing on LCD screens in the building (Need photos, video, and a person designate to develop)
- Committee presence at classes in April (Sunday and Wednesday) **Terri to provide dates**
- Committee presence and help with donut Sunday. **Pat to check with Wendy** on a good date to plan for.
- Mass announcement, after Mass Booth with balloons, candy, thermometer, ....(timed with the Easter Season / post Lent)
- Social media posts, email bursts to current Catechists, Parents, SJN Community (Committee member & IT contact person?)
- Bulletin spot

## 7) Closing

Our Father