

# **SJN Faith Formation Committee Meeting September 10, 2019 - Agenda & Minutes**

Attendees: Jen Sherman                      Dan Wahl                      Terri Wong                      Pat Howard  
                 Michaela Andrews                      Nick Esch                      Ron Bisek                      Michaela Schaff  
Absent: Erin Swift

## **1) Opening Prayer:**

## **2) Introduce Michaela Schaff, our new Youth Ministry Staff**

## **3) Welcome and intros (5 min.)**

## **4) New Book for the year – ‘Jesus and the Church’**

Pat provided all attendees a book, overview, and reading schedule. A brief review of assigned reading will be included as part of future meetings

## **5) Staff & Programs Update – Pat Howard (15 min.)**

- Fully staffed with the addition of Michaela Schaff
- Provided copies of the Committee / Ministry Handbook and reviewed key sections outlining the relationships / functions of ministry –committee – and council.
- Education Programs – sample education materials provided for all grades with a brief overview of the school year plans.
- Provided copies of the 2019-20 Sunday School, Family Formation, First Reconciliation & First Communion, Faith Formation 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> and Confirmation Prep, and Youth Group
- Adult education includes access to Formed (handout), scheduled Bible Studies, and Franciscan at Home (on line access provided via email post meeting)
- **Registration Update**
  - 4 weeks remaining – 650 +/- registered compared to a total of 730 last year
  - Catechists required
    - Elementary education is almost covered
    - Biggest need is for Youth Formation (15 – 20 volunteers)
      - 4:30 needs 3-5 more
      - 6:30 needs several more
    - Michaela requested if we could provide a list of additional parishioners to contact.
      - She will forward a list of current volunteers and roles that are open.
      - Suggestions for youth group leaders – mentor (not teacher) role
    - Emphasis at Mass in the coming weeks asking for volunteers.
    - Consider emailing parents of the 6:30 class to ask for assistance

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

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- Jen / Tonya – she has been busy finalizing registration, Vitrus compliance, working with this year's Catechists.
- Erin / Terri forwarded her report post meeting. Theresa R. highlights: Family Formation overall is pretty strong, pretty well set on the number of Catechist volunteers, a new event is planned this year – All Saints Day Party after the evening Mass on November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Terri / Pat –Bible studies are starting, one features the Mass Readings Explained, 2 week intro to Scriptures.

#### 7) **Ministry Fair:** October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>

- Volunteers are required – email will be sent to sign up for a time
- Materials should already be available from the summer Donut Sunday events.

#### 8) **Parish Council Report**

- Ron reported on the retreat held last week with the direction to focus on Stewardship.
  - 4 Pillars to be included in all ministries.

#### 9) **Stewardship Pillars**

- Discussion continued with Ron facilitating. Each committee will set long term impact goals for each Pillar.
  - Initial brainstorming provided initial plans(to be developed further at the next meeting)
    - Filter Faith Formation down to the class level – filling in the gaps
      - Children's version of the Stewardship Prayer
    - Hospitality – Welcoming, relational volunteers to assist parents and students finding their rooms and reducing first time apprehension
      - Caffeine and Christ – area for parents to hang out
    - Text ministry

#### 10) **Committee Leadership 2019 - 2020**

***Chair: Nick***

***Vice Chair: Terri***

***Scribe: Michaela A.***

##### Liaison Assignments

Nick > Pat H.

Jen > Tonya B.

Michaela A. > Michaela S.

Erin > Theresa R.

Dan > Theresa B.

#### 11) **Misc:** Suggestion to have one of the staff members attend each committee meeting.

- Franciscan at home mentioned; opportunity for more formal development through online certificate programs
- Desire to grow the committee

#### 11) **Closing**

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