

**FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION MINUTES—DRAFT**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2014**

**Members Present: Sr. Pat Clement, Ruth Stoeckigt, Jackie Krajewskie, Ann Hanchek, Becky VanKauwenberg, Christ DeWan, Tina Meyer**

**Members absent: Sara Hyska, John St. Andre, Beth Winkel**

- 1) Opening Prayer: Led by Becky**
- 2) Agenda approved with two additions (Tina: resignation & new religious RE policy)**
- 3) Minutes approved: Ruth moved and Jackie & Chris seconded**
- 4) Committee Reports**
  - a. Adult Faith Formation: Sr. Pat**
    - i. Mission evaluation was extremely positive. Fr. Jim Neilson was highly praised for successfully presenting a program that helped participants see Christ in the people and art work around them. Several feedback comments were read at the meeting. About 165 people attended the mission each day.**
    - ii. Deacon Pat Whitcomb offered a retreat on forgiveness on Saturday. Nine people were in attendance. The morning was very well received.**
    - iii. At the request of participants we will be hosting another movie session. We are trying an afternoon session on April 24. *The Way* starring Martin Sheen will be shown at 1:00 pm in room 105 at Annunciation.**
  - b. RE Faith Formation: Tina**
    - i. As of the end of May Tina is resigning. She has done a great job organizing and developing our RE program. Team members expressed appreciation for her efforts during the course of the meeting.**
    - ii. 4 classes remain until the end of this year.**
    - iii. The Catechist appreciation dinner will be held May 7<sup>th</sup>. Timing for this event was changed in order that all could really enjoy the night. Several places were recommended as options for the event.**
    - iv. First Communion has been moved from Annunciation to St. Jude due to the size of the class. Four families really want to celebrate at Annunciation. Their wishes have been respected. All will receive First Communion on April 27. The majority will make their First Communion at St. Jude at the 9:00 am mass and the other 4 will celebrate at 10:00 am at Annunciation. Tina will represent RE at St. Jude and Mindy will represent RE at Annunciation.**
    - v. Bishop Banks will be here on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at St. Jude for Confirmation.**
  - c. Youth Faith Formation: Becky**
    - i. The West Side Youth Ministry meeting was held 4/1 and dealt with plans for next year.**
    - ii. Becky has found great support for both our local program and for our West Side gatherings.**

- d. **Parish Council: Jackie**
    - i. At the last Parish Council Meeting they discussed the 1<sup>st</sup> three chapters of *Forming Intentional Disciples*. Discussion focused on 1) inheriting your faith for a lifetime no longer works; 2) evangelization efforts need to focus on our youth; and 3) those that leave the Catholic Church don't seem to return.
- 5) **Old Business**
- a. **Mardi Gras: the 6:30 – 7:30 time slot was busy. Before and after that time had some games but not non-stop like the popular time slot. Horse racing game did well. Darto did okay but not as well as in other years. We should be on the lookout for other “legal gambling games” that could be tried next year.**
    - i. Next year Mardi Gras is moving to the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of March and will permanently stay on that weekend (provided no glitches surface). The later date seemed to have helped with the sale of raffle tickets.
  - b. **For the May meeting prepare to discuss chapters 6 – 9 of *Forming Intentional Disciples*.**
- 6) **New Business**
- a. **The structure of RE will be changing to include ministry to young adults. Mindy will be responsible for elementary RE (K – 5) which includes 2 sacramental preps and family ministry; Becky will be responsible for High School /Youth ministry with one sacramental prep, and some administrative responsibilities; and new person will be hired to work with young adults (18- 40) and middle school.**
  - b. **Calendars for next year are in process. They are due in the office in April.**
  - c. **Membership for next fall: as far as we could determine: Beth, John, Ruth, and Sara have one more year left of their first 3-year term. Jackie is in her 2<sup>nd</sup> 3-year term and has one year left. Chris started 8/11. She finishes her 3<sup>rd</sup> year of her 1<sup>st</sup> 3-year term this spring. She has the option to serve another 3 year term. Ann is in her first year.**
  - d. **Think about possible members for next fall. We need one for Annunciation and possibly one for Chris. Think about the balance of members so that we have some who know RE needs and some who represent young/adult needs.**
  - e. **Bishop Ricken has approved a new policy that requires RE programs to be in session 30 -35 hours per year. Currently we have 26 sessions. Fall of 2014 K-8 must meet this requirement as well as must use one of 5 approved textbooks for the RE program. Fall of 2015 high school component must meet these requirements. Tina has made the appropriate changes and all RE will meet the requirements as of fall 2014. Two sessions will be added in May, one in September, one in Oct. (fall west side program will move to a Saturday) and one will be added during Holy Week. Our student RE books are consumable so that change is not difficult. We do have to pay for our catechists guide books and student copy. We are going with Sadlier books. Our classes meet 1hour and 15 minutes per week.**
  - f. **Last meeting for the year will be May 6.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sr. Pat