

## **FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION MINUTES—DRAFT**

**Tuesday, May 6, 2014**

**Members Present: Sr. Pat Clement, Ruth Stoeckigt, Ann Hanchek, Becky VanKauwenberg, Chris DeWan, John St. Andre, Beth Winkel, Sara Hyska.**

**Members Absent: Jackie Krajewskie, Tina Meyer**

- 1) Opening Prayer: Becky**
- 2) Agenda approved**
- 3) Minutes Approved: with two minor typing corrections.**
- 4) Committee Reports**
  - a. Adult Faith Formation—we're working on getting Lee Nagel for next year's mission.**
  - b. Youth faith Formation Report: Tina Meyer**
    - i. Add a written report by Pam Roberts about weekly attendance at Children's Liturgy of the Word.**
    - ii. How did the "paid" teachers tests results turn out? Answer: don't know yet. Will this continue next year? Will depend on the answer to the tests and if the budget can handle it.**
    - iii. Acre results will be coming out 5/8.**
  - c. Youth Ministry: Becky**
    - i. This will be a busy summer with transitions occurring in the office, summer trips and Vacation Bible School.**
    - ii. They earned \$975 on the brat fry.**
- 5) Old Business**
  - a. Discussion on the Sherry Weddell's book**
    - i. How do we meet people where they are at?**
    - ii. Do what the Church tells us to do**
    - iii. Little kids have an imaginary friend. They are so open—can Jesus be their imaginary friend?**
    - iv. Teens favorite thing is adoration. Middle schoolers liked the Holy Hour. One teen said, "Dad, God is real" after coming from Holy Hour.**
    - v. I don't think parishioners realize they aren't complete yet—they haven't arrived at step 5. They have no clue what "an intentional disciple is".**
    - vi. It takes 150 encounters with Jesus before there is a difference. How many do we need until we're all in?**

- vii. **People don't want to change—get into their “comfort zone” and it practically takes dynamite to get them out! So they fight if we try to drag them out.**
  - viii. **Evangelization can be as simple as welcoming a person into church or the community.**
  - ix. **How do we “do” intentional? Follow up with a phone call, walk with a person who enters our buildings and literally show them the room or person they are looking for.**
  - x. **Imagine every homebound person getting a phone call from a parishioner once a month or once a week.**
  - xi. **“Look up”, what am I missing as I look down while texting, using an ipad, etc. Technology keeps us from face-to-face interactions.**
  - b. **Included in individual reports.**
  - c. **Need a replacement for Chris DeWan. This means we definitely need a new person for St. Joseph's, 1 for Annunciation, and a Parish Council Rep for St. Patrick. Ann is going to check out this PC position.**
  - d. **Ruth's grandson, Jacob (17) would like to join us for a year. We'd love that!**
  - e. **The calendar has been reworked and there will be no extra RE classes in May.**
- 6) New Business**
- a. **Should we do something for Tina? Yes, we will all chip in.**
  - b. **Becky asked us to consider thinking about the possibility of two intergenerational nights a year. One suggestion is that these nights be truly intergenerational—groups composed of all ages and not divided by age. Specific activities or questions would then be addressed within these groups.**
  - c. **Prayer in August: John St. Andre**

**Minutes Respectfully submitted by Sr. Pat**