

FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION MINUTES—DRAFT

Tuesday, September 2, 2014

Members Present: Sr. Pat Clement, Ruth Stoeckigt, Ann Hanchek, Becky VanKauwenberg, John St. Andre, Jacob Gussart, & Denise Weddig

Members absent: Beth Winkel & Jackie Krajewski

I. Opening Prayer: Becky

II. Agenda Approved with the addition of Prayerful Discussion as VII.

III. Minutes approved as written (great job, Jackie!)

IV. Committee Reports

- a. Adult Faith Formation—New Hope is a Grief Group that is formed 3 times a year and meets for 5 consecutive weeks; *How Big Is Your God* was selected over *Orange Is the New Black*. Since the second book has been made into a TV series we will probably consider reading it for the next book discussion.**
- b. Youth Formation—Becky’s report explains the job descriptions of each new staff member in the RE program. New offerings have been added to our program; namely, Young Family (fill the gap from birth to beginning of children’s RE program) and Young adult ministry (18 – 39). Mike Casey already sponsored a “field trip” and was able to take 7 young adults to the Bishop’s Charity Game, 8/28, due to donated tickets.**
- c. Parish Council Repots: none from the recent Parish Council meeting. However, we did explain how Parish Council and Commissions work as we need a new rep from St. Joe’s.**

V. We are looking for a rep for Annunciation and St. Joseph. Sandy Vandenboomen was contacted but wasn’t sure. John will follow-up with another contact for her. We will contact Nancy VanBeek and see if she can identify someone who might be good. Mary Bishop’s name was also suggested. She is already on a commission so we are not sure about her possibility.

VI. New Business

- a. Fund Raiser list looks great. Commission support the selections. (Seroogy sales include candy bars, Christmas and Easter special sales.)**
- b. We discussed the goals and will return to this topic at the next meeting.**
 - i. Begin to develop Young Family Program**
 - 1. Coordinate Children’s Liturgy of The Word**
 - 2. Parent Letter Program—send out 7 mailings with small gifts, prayer ideas for toddlers, music CDs, etc. to aid parents. A**

total of 7 packets will be sent out after the baptism of each child over a 3 year period.

- ii. Mike and a core team of adults and high school leaders will be working with 7th & 8th grade religious education curriculum to develop new lesson plans based on a variety of new approaches.**
- iii. The 9th & 10th grade curriculum will be divided into 6 “mini” courses on the bible, Jesus, the Paschal Mystery, Church, Sacraments and Christian Morality.**
 - 1. RE is starting a meal program this year—feed the belly, then feed the mind and soul—many come directly from work or sporting events and haven’t eaten.**
- iv. Mike will be putting together a strategic plan that allows him to promote and connect with young adults in our area.**
- c. The intergenerational activities suggestions Becky will run by the team to see what kind of input they might have.**

VII. Prayerful discussion.

- a. Remember to pray for Denise as she is having knee surgery for the second time on Tuesday.**
- b. Keep Gary, Jackie’s son, in your prayers as he is going through chemo.**

Respectfully submitted by Sr. Pat