

FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION MINUTES - APPROVED

Tuesday, January 5, 2016

Members Present: Becky VanKauwenberg, John St. Andre, Jackie Krajewski, Holly Meyer, Ann Mencheski, Sister Pat Clement, Cindy Becker

Members Absent: Denise Weddig, Beth Winkel, Ann Hanchek

- I. Opening Prayer – Jackie Krajewski began the meeting with a reading from the Bible
- II. Agenda approved
- III. Minutes approved
- IV. Cindy Becker was introduced and welcomed to the committee
- V. Committee Reports
 - a. Adult Ministry – report attached to the agenda was discussed. Sr Pat commented that the movies have been a good activity. Average attendance is about 30-35 people.
 - b. Youth Faith Formation – report handed out at the meeting. Becky commented that the St Jude nursery has been discontinued due to low attendance, however it was a good trial. The Upper Room Ministry Center is going well. The mission of those living there needs to be developed more fully. It is projected that Father Ryan will be supplying spiritual direction for the residents.
 - c. Parish Council Reports – no reports
- VI. Old Business
 - a. New Member Update – Membership was discussed briefly.
 - b. Stewardship Spotlight – Anyone interested in submitting a bio should do so. There have been no Spotlights in the bulletin for the last few weeks.
 - c. Home – Christmas Ornament Update – The ornament suggestion from the last meeting was a good one however there was not enough time before Christmas to put it together well. We look forward to revisiting this activity this year. A tree “for all Seasons” was suggested. Trees are such provocative symbols.
- VII. New Business
 - a. Hope – How to facilitate the feeling of Hope throughout lent. Discussion followed. The January 30 retreat will be a good lead in to lent. We will strive to work on becoming a community during the next three years. Interpretation of Sunday scripture readings by lay people was discussed.
 - b. Lenten Family Night – This event was started last year. It will take place this year on February 3. A similar format will be used. The theme this year is prayer. “Sound of Hope” will be the title. Let Becky know what you would like to volunteer for during that evening.
 - c. Winter Fest Update – Our committee has been given the charge of providing Bingo at the Fest. Ann Mencheski will ask the person from St. Patrick’s who was in charge of that Bingo program if he would be interested in taking the Bingo sessions on during Winter Fest. Ann thought that he would be amenable to this suggestion or that he would definitely provide some sort of assistance to the committee.

February 2, 2016 will be our next meeting

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Krajewski