

**Faith Formation Board Meeting -
Tuesday, November 8, 2022 - 7pm in the social hall**

Attending: Wendy McCann, Cory Dixon, Betty Klover, Kat Harris, Jane Hommel, Tammy Barry, Angela Nelson

Opening Prayer: Jane Hommel (Cory)

- I. Faith Formation Report** – Cory reported Children’s Faith Formation seems to be going well and catechists seem to like the new curriculum. Sacramental preparation has begun. Kat said she liked starting prep for the sacrament of reconciliation a bit later than in the past.
- II. Youth** – Linea was sick and sent a report for Cory to read. She’s had 5-10 youth each week, and good discussions. Two youth have volunteered to be part of the Pastoral Council and Caritas committee, respectively. The Adoration night went well, with about 20 attending—Linea hopes to do another this spring. Community service was scheduled for Saturday the 12th, with another opportunity on parish cleanup/leaf raking day, Saturday the 19th.
- III. Faith Formation Secretary** – Angela Nelson has been hired as the Faith Formation secretary. Her email is anelson@spokanediocese.org if you need anything ☺.
- IV. Young Adults** – Cory and the rest of the group discussed ideas for ministry to young adults and how to incorporate students from St. Thomas More, including: Distributing care packages during finals week, inviting students as guests (not hosts!) to Dinners for 8, and pairing students with older parishioners who work at WSU, who might meet students on campus, take them for coffee, or invite them to family gatherings. Many students miss having a family/home environment during college. Theology on tap was mentioned, plus the thought we should ask young adults themselves what they need.
- V. Ecumenism** – Ecumenism means interfaith dialogue, to interact with people from other churches and faiths. The group considered organizations where Catholics mix with other Christians, such as FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes). Does WSU have an active FCA? Kat shared the idea of Sacred Heart Intramural teams. Cory’s goals include: 1. To overcome prejudices and misunderstandings about Catholics, 2. To bring humility, 3. To better understand our own beliefs.
- VI. Spiritual Autobiography and Book Groups** – In the past Cory led a group to discuss spiritual autobiographies, as well as encouraging people to write their own spiritual stories. Cory would like to start a group after advent. Kat expressed interest in a family-oriented group. In the past, Tammy led a bible study between Masses while children have Spiritual Formation time. Everyone liked the book she used for Lent, and Tammy would be willing to lead a study again after Advent.

Closing Prayer: Kat Harris

Next meeting: Tuesday December 6 at 7pm. Kat Harris will bring snacks, Betty Klover has the opening prayer, and L has the closing prayer