

Faith Formation Board Meeting - Tuesday, May 3, 2022 - 7pm in the Social Hall

Attending: Betty Klover, L Heidenreich, Charlotte Bosold, Linea Johnson, Kat Harris, Dave Schneider, Theresa Paul, Anna Park

Opening Prayer: Betty Klover

- I. Thank You to Our Committees** - This has been a very busy year for our board members, and Theresa would like to thank everyone who participated in helping make it a successful year especially the Hispanic Community Engagement, Hydroponics, Black History Month, Saint of the Month, Stations of the Cross, and Catechist Luncheon.
- II. VBS** - The VBS Chairperson checked in with the Department of Health for Whitman County and VBS will follow all the guidelines and stay in touch with the department in case any changes need to be made to how camp will go. Worst case scenarios would be mask wearing and use of testing kits as well as PPE should we need it. The Department of Health said they will provide those things should we need them. With college students heading home, COVID trends should be better. Registration is live (online) for children, teen helpers and adult volunteers - July 5-8, half day, free camps for PreK-6 grade (going into those grades) at Concordia Lutheran. Vaccination is strongly encouraged for all adult and teen helpers. This week's printed bulletin will have a QR code for registration and the email version will include the link.
- III. Lentil Fest** - Dave will talk with Father Paul about coordinating with St. Thomas More. Linea will get insurance information so that Dave has it. Dave will work more on the plan for Lentil Fest once school is out. Dates: August 12-13.
- IV. Hiring of New DRE** - Theresa suggested sending the job description to Seattle and Yakima dioceses. She will also send to L to send to the oblates. Kat recommended Linked In for posting as well. Father Steve would like resumes to be in by May 20 and interviews to begin by early June. July 1 is the preferred start date - that is the beginning of the fiscal year. There is flexibility in that start date if needed. Sacred Heart is very accommodating to people's families and vacations which is one of many reasons the position is attractive. Please share information about the job with anyone you think might be interested or qualified.
- V. Faith Formation Report** - Easter Vigil was really wonderful. It was a really great year for RCIA. We greatly appreciate all of the work Mary Johnson put in to help prepare the newly initiated. We had some people that came in late to the program, so they will start RCIA in the fall.
- VI.** The children have Sacrament Mass on Saturday, May 14 at 11am. There are 16 total that will receive sacraments. The Bishop is coming early to visit with the children before Mass to answer their questions. The children will submit questions ahead of time.
- VII.** Last day of Faith Formation classes was Sunday, April 24. The catechist luncheon was fun and well attended. Thank you to Wendy, her twins, and Betty for helping to set up and prepare the food. Thank you gift cards were given to all the catechists.
- VIII. Youth Group Report** - The parish wide Easter Egg Hunt was Saturday, April 16. Tammy did a wonderful job narrating the story. There was a small and enthusiastic group of youth who participated in the skit. The youth filled the eggs and practiced the skit the week before during a meeting. All were excited and had lots fun! Some leftover eggs were found during the last week, so keep your eyes peeled as there may be some more out there. :) Youth Group met this

past Sunday and will take off for Mother's Day with the final meeting on May 15. Linea would like to do a June hike at Kamiak depending on weather, wildfire smoke, and vacations. The middle school camp for the diocese already has 73 youth signed up. There are about 20 spots left. The dates for camp are: Aug 14-19. Steubenville Northwest Conference is in Spokane (last weekend of July) and Linea has some verbal interest, but none have signed up yet.

IX. Board Members for 2022-2023 - Theresa had the board look at the board roster and term chart. Please check this and let us know if you will continue on the board or if we need to begin the nomination process.

X. Theresa's Parish-wide Retirement Party - Sunday, June 26 , beginning at noon

XI. Post Meeting Ideas - Following the meeting, L shared the idea of having the parish come together and pray the rosary for peace. Anna is looking at the parish calendar to find a Wednesday evening for this prayerful opportunity. Kat also shared the idea of a "Slow Mass" where Father Steve would discuss/teach about all the various parts of the Mass for greater understanding of why we do the things we do during Mass. Both ideas will be shared in our staff meeting next Wednesday, May 11 as Father Steve is out this week for a priests' retreat.

Closing Prayer: Linea Johnson