

FAITH FORMATION BOARD MEETING Oct. 4 2023

Present: Cory, Linea, Jane, Jessica, Ryan, Kat, Betty, Dave, Wendy, Angela

FF UPDATE (Cory): Sunday morning faith formation has begun. Theology on Tap and Disciples in Dialogue are both coming up. The First Theology on Tap addressed LGBTQ+; the next will discuss spirituality. Cory is looking for a couple/couples to lead an adult class on parenting. Several people expressed interest in RCIA; two came for the first meeting. More came the following Wednesday.

YOUTH GROUP UPDATE (Linea): Three meetings so far with 5-10 kids, with 17 youth participating or registered so far. The youth are planning a Youth Mass, Linea hopes for them to plan/lead/own it. She also wants the youth to plan an adoration night during Advent. October 15 will be a movie night with Linea out of town.

CATECHISTS AND SUBS (Cory): We have NO Pre-K/K teachers, 1 teacher for 5th/6th grade, and just 1 Sub (Kat). Ask parents of Pre-K/K class to sign up for a slot to help. It would be good to have a crafty/creative person work with Matt in the 5th/6th grade class. Dave suggested we could help teachers plan high-engagement activities. 3rd/4th and 1st/2nd use a curriculum with activities, but not 5th/6th.

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS (Linea): There will be an altar and some kind of celebration after Mass November 2 (a Thursday). Last year felt chaotic, with Linea picking up Sandra last minute because her car broke down, and Sandra did everything herself. Ask for volunteers at the Spanish Mass. Youth Group might be able to help, for instance putting up decorations after Sunday Mass. Prepare a card or something for Catechists to hand out. Have people bring photos of dead loved ones to put around the altar and provide a book for writing names (we could use same book in future years).

NATIVE AMERICAN MONTH, MONTHLY THEMES: The idea is to have decorations and activities for months our culture recognizes, such as Black history month. Angela and Phil will take November/Native American month, making a bulletin board and providing resources for families to learn about Native Americans, especially local tribes. Phil will talk with Julian Matthews, a Nez Perce parishioner, about a possible story-telling event. Other ideas: Do a land acknowledgement (what, when, how, who??). Ryan suggested recognizing Kateri Tekakwitha, a Native American Saint. Angela will put prayer cards and Kateri's story on the Faith Formation resource table. Future months: Cory expressed interest in Advent Saints. Dave suggested an African Culture night on an open month (January?). Dave can help organize but needs others to help.

CHRISTMAS PLAY: Jill Patera wants to step back from doing the Christmas play. Kat would like to help but doesn't want to do it alone and asked for a close pew. Wendy and Milena might be able to help.

Betty needs to step away from FF Board because of commitments with her job/school. We will miss her!

FINDING VOLUNTEERS (WENDY): Looking ahead, several people will leave the FF board at the same time, and we've had a growing problem finding VOLUNTEERS. Younger generations don't volunteer as much. Much is being asked from the same pool of people, and it can feel like mostly giving without being filled up. ***How can we get younger people involved?*** A volunteer fair?

Next meeting: November 7.

Opening prayer: Jane, Closing prayer: Kat, Snacks: Kat