

## NOTES from Faith Formation Board Meeting, Tuesday, March 7, 2023

*Cory Dixon, Linea Johnson, Betty Clover, Dave Schneider, Jane Hommel, Angela Nelson*

**Opening & Closing Prayer:** Cory, **Snacks:** Betty

**Faith Formation (Cory):** Still no catechist for PreK. Cory and Linea will cover it the rest of this year. We should try to secure catechists for next year by May, and have training and faith development for them.

RCIA—One person may be confirmed this Easter. Cory has ideas for revising RCIA for next year.

**Youth Group (Linea):** 20 kids have been attending this school year, roughly 10/Sunday, the majority middle-schoolers. Three high schoolers attended the Catholic Youth Conference and returned enthusiastic. There were good speakers relevant for the youth, good music, Mass, and Adoration.

Steubenville NW will be July 14-16, and is 3x the size of CYC. In the past we stayed in Gonzaga dorms but there's no A/C and it's hot/smoky, so maybe a hotel this year. Middle school camp will start August 13. We need volunteers—especially male chaperones! It will take a whole week; maybe men could do ½ week. Camp is at Shoshone Mountain Retreat, NE of CDA. In years past we've had to turn kids away because of not enough help. Colfax has invited area Youth groups for an escape room event and an after-dark Easter egg hunt.

**Stations/Soup:** FF Board and Youth group will host a Bilingual Stations and Soup March 29. So far for we have:

**Soups:** Betty, Dave, Cory, Jane . . . **Bread:** Linea, Mayzie Patera . . . , and one Spanish speaker. Angela will send a sign-up for various jobs/roles, including set up and clean up.

**VBS:** VBS will be mornings July 10-14. We'll need volunteers. Churches we've worked with in the past are struggling post-Covid or don't have young people. If we host, we need to limit numbers because of bathrooms.

**Classroom Management Follow up:** Cory has encouraged the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade class to have a routine, which includes an activity every time. Staff can help Catechists find and set up activities.

**Library:** Angela is working on the library. Books will be shelved topically with clear signs. With less academic and very old stuff, people won't feel intimidated by a sea of spines and we can highlight useful resources. We want to build a collection of practical, easy to read books on subjects like marriage, parenting, dealing with trauma/abuse, addiction, etc. and invite recommendations from the FF board. Also planning to collect excellent read-aloud stories parents can use for home faith formation through the church year, with questions and activity suggestions to go with each book. Angela will send out a doc for your recommendations!

**Monthly Themes:** Black history month went well. We had good feedback about the black Saint pictures through the church. Cory hopes to highlight different monthly themes such as Hispanic Heritage, Asian American, Women's History, Native American, Caring for the earth, Saints that go with Advent. We'll revisit this idea.

**Closing comments/Summary:** Jane reminded us not to forget making care packages for college students and distributing them during dead week. Linea and Angela can buy treats. Can we combine making the packages with an event?

**Closing Prayer:** Cory, **Snacks** provided by Betty *Next meeting: Tuesday, April 11 at 7pm.*

*Jane will bring Snacks, Dave has opening prayer, and Tammy has closing prayer*