Faith Formation Board Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2023

Present: Linea Johnson (Staff YM), Jane Hommel (incoming President!) Angela Nelson (Staff FF Assistant), Tammy Barry (leaving!), Ryan Booth (incoming!), Dave Schneider, Wendy McCann (Almost not president), Kat Harris (Incoming VP!), Jessica Casselman (incoming!), Charlotte Bosold.

Welcome to the incoming board members, Ryan and Jessica!

Youth group Report. They had their End of the Year BBQ a couple weeks ago. There was good attendance, and everyone had a good time. There was plenty of dessert. Steubenville NW is coming up in July. We have two youth registered and two more youth who have said they will register. This is usually a fantastic event and the youth who have attended in the past have all said they really enjoyed it. Middle school camp in August is going to be exciting as well. There are about 96 youth registered at the moment. Five of them from Sacred Heart. The rest are from all over the diocese. We also have a ton of high schoolers signed up to be junior councilors. We need more adult men! If anyone knows of a man who is not busy August 12th-18th let Linea know.

Lentil Fest. We have one booth. Lentil Fest is going to be a one-day event this year on Saturday. So, we will need the booth manned/womanned from 1-10pm. Last year we had a raffle with a nice prize. A cup/pong game for college students with prizes. Facepainting and candy prize wheel for kids. It was kind of crowded, but there was not an option to get more than one booth so we will make it all fit. We need volunteers and prizes for college students. Charlotte will buy candy for the kid's prize wheel; Kat will get prizes for the college kids pong game. Dave will coordinate volunteers for set up, running the booth and cleaning up. Jane requested someone on the clean-up crew be someone masculine and/or more people on the clean-up crew. Last year it was just three ladies packing stuff up and hauling it out after dark.

Promoting FF. How do we connect with all the new families and get them involved in Faith Formation? What if we have kids do the announcements for signing up and have them at the sign-up table. McCanns and Harrises volunteered to be a part of this.

Could we have an open house or some social event before the start of classes. Parents and children and teachers all meet each other. Find the rooms they will be in and do some fun activities together.

Could we have incentives for participation throughout the year? Like each time your kids attend class you get one entry in a raffle for reserved seating/parking for Christmas/Easter.

Call for Catechists. If anyone has ideas for people who may make good catechists please let Cory know. Can we do a parish wide nomination? Sometimes people are more willing to get involved if they know someone thinks they can do it.

Meeting time for next year. No one had any objections to continuing to meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. It was brought up that the 7 pm meeting time was a bit of an issue for some of the potential board members we met with. For parents with small children 7pm is the start of bedtime routines and it's hard for some to be away. The current board members are okay with this time, so it's just something to keep in mind for the future.

Farewell to Tammy and L! We very much appreciate their hard work over these past many years.

Next meeting is September 6th at 7:00 pm. Snacks: Jessica. Opening Prayer: Wendy. Closing Prayer: Jane