

NOTES from Faith Formation Board Meeting, October 1, 2024

Present: *Cory Dixon, Lianne Moreau, Linea Johnson, Felix Munoz-Garcia, Charlotte Bosold, Angela Nelson*

Faith Formation Update: Faith Formation classes are up and running, and we've started registering kids for Sacrament Prep. There's a wide age range so Cory is thinking about how best to handle that. We have eight people in RCIA, and had a lively discussion. Cory is going to try starting meetings at 6 pm to cover fundamentals, then add more complexities at 7 pm.

Youth Update: Good turn out with middle schoolers. High school is not as consistent, and Linea isn't sure yet whether having separate groups will work out. They need a quorum of at least four or five who are consistent. Two new helpers, Nicole and Jessica, jumped right in. Youth mass for the end of October did not work out, Linea will try for November. The youth wanted to serve at House of Charity in Spokane in both fall and spring, so a trip has been scheduled for November 2. This weekend the youth have a color/chalk war with Concordia Lutheran.

Felix suggested *a service trip with younger kids, grades 4-6*. Not at House of Charity, somewhere closer.

F.E.A.S.T.: An FYI, Sunday, Oct. 13, the youth group will host a pizza and game night, people can bring favorite card or board games, or we'll have plenty on site. Linea would appreciate help cleaning up.

Small Group Interest Survey and follow-up: Linea found the survey we used before, and we've adapted it. This weekend, Fr. Steve will have a break during Mass so people can fill out and turn in the brief forms. We'll keep the surveys out for a few weeks so people can think about their responses, but we're only doing it once during Mass, and an immediate response might be the most telling. Faith Formation staff and board members will follow up to form groups. Ideally, members of FF Board could help one group each. No long-term commitment required, just help a group get established. Who will lead groups? This is probably best dealt with in follow-up phase vs. on the survey. We want the survey short and simple. Last time we had about 60 responses, resulting in five or six small groups of 6-10 people.

Once small groups are formed, make the information about groups easily available so people can join in. Put groups and ways to get involved on the website in a way that's easy to find, especially at the beginning of each semester when new people come (Aug & January).

Online Faith Formation and Social Media: This is a big lack, as we talked about last meeting, but it takes time and effort to do it well. No one on staff can do it. Offer a stipend? Have a contest for youth—who can get the most views or likes? (Content needs to be approved, of course!) It would be best to have a committee for social media posts, not just one individual. Posts need not be only announcements or religious. We need to think about algorithms, so content shows up for the intended audience (use community-oriented words like Pullman, PHS, WSU, etc.).

Our next meeting is **November 5 at 6:30 pm**.

Opening prayer: ???, Closing prayer: ???, Snacks: FELIX