

Faith Formation Board Meeting
November 5, 2024, On Zoom

In attendance: Ryan Booth, Jessica Casselman, Muriel Parra, Felix Muñoz, Emma Ambrosini, Cory Dixon, Linea Johnson.

Cory opened the meeting with prayer.

F.F. update. Classes are going well. Sacrament Prep has begun and will have their second session this coming Sunday. Registration for Sacrament Prep will close on Friday; we will not let anyone join this class after that. This is both to ensure they don't miss too much of the instruction and to help with keeping track of who is receiving Sacraments this year. It is a very big class already with several older youth participating. Cory is working on putting together some curriculum for the youth as the books we have are geared more for 2nd- 3rd grade students. RCIA is also a large group this year. There are 8 participating right now. Cory, Mary Johnson, and Bunnie Lawhead worked together to develop a new system to try. They start out with the basics on a topic. All are welcome to join but if a person is well catechized on that topic, they may opt to come later for dinner and to join a more in-depth conversation with the rest of the group during the second half.

Y.G. Update. Things are also going well. The middle schoolers have good attendance and have been having good discussions. The high schoolers are a little less regular. Linea's plans may need to change if attendance does not pick up. There are more helpers this year so the team can be more flexible than they were in previous school years. This past weekend Linea took a group of ten youth and 4 parents to the House of Charity to volunteer in the kitchen. They spent the morning prepping food and cleaning. After serving lunch they went and played laser tag. All seemed to enjoy the trip and are interested in another in the spring. Linea is planning a Youth Mass on the 17th and is working on getting youth to sign up to help with the various ministries. After that will be the Advent Wreath making on the first Sunday of Advent.

Small Faith Group Survey. We got almost 200 surveys filled out and returned. Cory has been working to get all the data organized in a useful way. Bible study was the most popular option, but there was enough interest in each option to start a group for any of them. Cory will share the complete information with the board to review along with some suggestions for groups to prioritize. The next step is helping Cory to get the groups organized and off the ground. Board members were asked to identify a group they would like to help get going. Once we get the groups organized, it was suggested we hold a sort of fair with information on all the current and new groups and have some sort of activity to encourage learning about them all. A calendar showing when groups meet was also suggested. This information is on the website but could possibly be printed and posted in a more visible way (for example as a bulletin insert) to help newcomers find the info.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 3 at 6:30 on Zoom.

Cory closed the meeting with a prayer.