

## Faith Formation Notes

June 4, 2024

In attendance: Ryan Booth, Kat Harris, Cory Dixon, Dave Schneider, Charlotte Bosold, Linea Johnson, Jane Hommel, new member Felix Munoz-Garcia, and Wendy McCann.

**F.F. program update.** Not a lot has happened since the last meeting. We wrapped everything up in mid-May. Overall, a successful year. Getting catechists was a struggle, and we had some classroom issues at the end of the year, otherwise it was good. Looking forward to VBS. The theme is Together! Registration is open for campers and helpers.

**Youth Group report.** The youth had a nice end of the year event, even if the weather was less than ideal. Five youth participated in a service trip to House of Charity. They worked in the morning helping to prep food, and then served 105 meals in a half hour at lunch time. It was a very positive experience, and Linea will look at possibly doing two trips in the next school year. Linea recently met with the youth minister at Concordia Lutheran about doing some collaborative events with our high schoolers. They also have a very small high school group, and our hope is to have a couple of fun events going to help get some traction in both programs. Linea will also look at doing an ecumenical baccalaureate service and possibly a retreat. Some board members have youth in middle school and high school and have volunteered to host some small groups! Linea will work with them to figure out details. There are currently four youth registered for Steubenville NW conference in Spokane and one other who has expressed interest. Middle school camp is also coming up this summer. Linea thinks there are close to ten youth from Sacred Heart participating, which is awesome!

**Hello and goodbye to board members.** Jane, Dave, and Wendy are finishing their time with the Faith Formation board. All of them have served for much longer than the three years they originally committed to, and we are so grateful for them getting us through the pandemic years. Thank you all for your time on the Faith Formation board! Hello to our new board member, Felix! We are so glad to have you here!

We need 2-3 more members to fill out our board positions. Some nominees did not make it to the discernment gathering. We will follow up with them and try to work out a time to meet.

**Catechist Recruitment.** Cory has commitments from many of the catechists to return. We need another preschool catechist to help in PreK/K, one for the 1<sup>st</sup>. & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class and

one for the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>. If anyone knows of someone who may be interested in being a catechist, please let Cory know. We would like to have catechists figured out before we start promoting F.F. registration.

**Nursery.** Fr. Steve and the staff would like to try bringing back childcare during the 8:30 and 11:00 Masses. We need teens and/or adults willing to provide this service. There will be a training day at the end of August for volunteers.

**Hybrid Zoom.** It was suggested that we try having some meetings regularly on Zoom. This is something one of our board members has seen work well on other boards. The couple of meetings that we had on Zoom this past year had the best attendance. The board was open to this suggestion and would like to plan to zoom during the cold winter months, November – January. We will also revisit the day/time of our meetings once we have new board members settled. Weekdays at 7pm is not the best for members with small children.

**Catechist training.** Scheduled for August 24. Cory has wanted to do this for a long time but has not gotten it off the ground as it was such a struggle to get catechists. He would like to have some spiritual development for catechists but also have some practical training, and resources. If anyone has any ideas for topics/ideas to share with them let Cory know.

**Promoting Faith formation.** Cory could use some help getting the word out to people and encouraging registration. Help with a skit and social media. We do have Facebook and Instagram that we need to do more with. QR codes were very useful. It made it easy not only for people to register but also to share with others. There was a great suggestion for the first day of classes. Kids could personalize a card to encourage their friends to join. The card could have information for their parents to register them.