

NOTES from June 3 Faith Formation Board Meeting

Present: Jessica Cassleman., Juan Garcia., Gabriella Reznowski, Linea Johnson, Dorothy Warn., Fr. Steve Dublinski, Yoko Ambrosini, Emma Ambrosini., Angela Nelson, Kat Harris, Diane Ugwu., Cory Dixon, Charlotte Bosold.

Meeting Times: The group decided to meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm

Officers for next year: Jessica C. agreed to Chair with Kat (last year's chair) to lend her support. The Chair speaks a week before the meeting with the FF staff and sets the agenda for the monthly meeting, which will be written and passed out by the Assistant/Secretary. Yoko agreed to be Vice Chair, and will run the monthly meeting if Jessica is gone.

Lentil Fest: Faith Formation board, along with other parish boards, will help run a non-profit booth to represent Sacred Heart at the Lentil Fest on August 16. Linea is our go-to for information. Juan and Emma (with her dad) will help set up. Kat and Jessica will help take down and clean up. Charlotte and Diane will help plan what happens at the booth (probably just one meeting). In the past we've answered questions and given out info, had simple games/candy, and done face painting—it depends how much space we have.

Adult Faith Formation: Currently there's Disciples in Dialogue, which doesn't meet the needs of younger adults and parents. In the past Theology on Tap served young adults, but that hasn't gone well, so it was dropped.

Last fall we took surveys to gauge interest in small groups, triggered by a few women asking whether we had a group that met outside work hours. Many indicated interest. Bible Study and Prayer were mentioned most often (though they're the most familiar) --also book groups, praying the rosary, parenting/family support, something for non-marrieds, etc. Fr. Steve said people don't volunteer to lead groups. They must be asked.

ACTION STEP: *In one week, everyone should provide 1-2 names of people who can be asked to lead a small group. Angela will send an email asking for the names.*

Gabriella suggested a rosary group.

Is there enough interest for a Spanish speaking group? Jessica could lead.

Kat encouraged us to say hello and introduce ourselves to newcomers. This made a big difference for her family when they came to Pullman.

Angela wants to have something for parents/adults during the same time slot as children's Faith Formation. Phil is willing to lead a class.

Jessica is willing to lead as well, and referred to a class she enjoyed in the past (didn't catch the name). She suggested something we could promote up front. Cory suggested groups with limited time commitment. Charlotte said women's SHARE has been ongoing & successful, but women sometimes join for the duration of a 6-week study. Fr. Steve said he knows of many good studies.

Diane liked that we call it Faith Formation rather than Catechism, and had questions about class times. In order to reach more people, don't have the youngest meet at 8:30, then older at 9:45, then Mass. It's too much.

Early class and mass times have not been as popular with families. Gabriella said she didn't want to wake kids for early class when they wake early all week. Angela said age groups can shift, and classes will meet from 9:45-10:45 next year, since at present we have enough space.

No Snacks Required: The group decided we will no longer sign up to bring snacks. If you want to bring snacks feel free, but nothing is expected.

Neighborhood BBQ Aug 22 at 5:30: Please come build good relationships with our neighbors (less problems with trash, etc.). All that's required is to eat and be friendly.

WELCOME & THANK-YOU DINNER FOR EVERYONE SERVING ON A BOARD: June 13 at the Parish at 6 PM. Bring your family! This is also a Thank You & Good-bye for Cory & Lianne.

Hiring a new Faith Formation Assistant: Chairs may be asked to be part of the interview.

Thank you all for coming to the meeting! I enjoyed getting to know you.

Our next Meeting will be Tuesday September 2 at 7pm in the Social Hall.