



**Cluster Faith Formation Commission**  
**February 19, 2015**  
**Meeting Minutes**

The FFC met Thursday February 19th at 6:30p.m. In attendance were Fr. Nils Hernandez, Mike Erickson (Chair), Jennifer Benda (Secretary), Dawn Reardon, and Vicki Brietbach.

Andrew reported that there is a calendar of Lenten Activities on the Facebook page. He also shared that that is currently one candidate for RICA. At this time he is completing the paperwork. He will be attending St. Mary.

There are 16 people signed up for the ski trip. Fr. Nils stated at this time for clarification that when masses are canceled all activities are canceled.

Ashley Simon, Ashley Henkel, and Julie Heitland will not be able to attend NCYC so we need to pray for chaperones. We will need at least two. We may look out of cluster. So far we have 16 students planning on attending NCYC.

For *Totus Tuus* there was a need for two host families. Josh Grau and family have volunteered as well as the Pesler family. There is also a need for five families to host the *Totus Tuus* staff for dinner each night. As of yet there are no volunteers There will be a potluck on Wednesday and a director is needed to oversee the potluck. Dawn Reardon said she will consider that position. There is also a need to adults who can organize kids' lunches and snack breaks, clean up afterwards, and help supervise kids outside. Teen volunteers are needed to be assistants to the teachers. The team will show up to each mass prior the program to introduce themselves. Andrew will send an email out to the committee and the teachers outlining what is needed.

Discussion was held about small classes and the best way to be cost effective. It was discussed that in two years there will be a class with only one second grader. Ideas included elevating them sooner, combining classes, and coaching the parents to teach with Andrew as a resource person. It was decided to table to this discussion for the time being.

An evaluation committee is needed to evaluate Andrew. There should be a teacher and a parent from each parish. If an individual agrees give contact info to Mike and he will contact them. Vicki and Mike will represent the FFC. Once it is all completed Mike, Vicki, and Fr. Nils will meet.

The book we are reading as a group was passed out. The hope is that by reading this we get direction for what we are doing. We are to read two chapters for each meeting. So by our next meeting we are to have read the first two chapters or to page 41. The main agenda item for next month will be book discussion, Andrew's report, and to finalize the budget.

Father reported that we have 175 Facebook friends currently. He shared that some of the articles he is sharing on Facebook have reach 25000. Fr wants us to continue to encourage people to like the Facebook page.

The group also talked a bit about the budget. There is concern about tuition and the budget as the costs of tuition do not cover the cost of the program. Fr Nils stated he would also like to see a unified curriculum with each parish. We are to think about what we currently offer for adult formation as this will be discussed at the next meeting.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Benda

FFC Secretary