

Members present: Mike Ward, Allyson Brawner, Sherry Welch, Shelly Lydon, Sheila Mellick, Mike Erickson, Lisa Snitker, and Dr. Steve Perkins. Lori Ross and Angeline Nesseim were absent (Katie Fahey will be attending our last two meetings as a stand-in for Angeline (who is leaving)). We will find another 'school' rep for next year.

## 1. Prayer

The meeting opened with a Leader Gram Prayer (page 3) (Reflection and Sharing Starters). Doc Perkins gave us a couple examples of how prayer does work. Mike Erickson shared the overall excitement of children receiving their first communion and how exciting it was to have First Communion and Confirmation in the same week this year.

## 2. Administrative Issues

a. Approval of Minutes –Approval by consensus.

b. Reports

i. Youth

1. First Communion class was one of the largest in a long time.
2. The (parent) reception after Confirmation yielded a small turn-out.
3. More training with our catechists will be done next year.
4. Allyson

a. Some preliminary confirmation dates for 2015 are May 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup> (Sat/Sun)...but that is First Communion. May 6<sup>th</sup> (Wed). 4/18 and 4/19 (Sat/Sun) could be considered as Easter is earlier next year. April 22<sup>nd</sup> (Wed) is a consideration. Even 5/9 and 5/10 (Sat/Sun) could be considered. She hopes to have an answer as to the date by mid August.

ii. School-

1. Mike Ward discussed some classroom switching

iii. Adult-

1. Catholicism series is finished.
2. A couple possibilities for adult faith formation for next year (Oremus..Ascension Press series on prayer or Biblical Walk Through the Mass (also Ascension Press). And Fr. Jim is asking what (if anything) we would like to see.

iv. Financials-handed out and reviewed.

## 3. In-service/training

- a. Chapter 3 from "Forming Intentional Disciples"...recall a "before" and "after" time in your life when you became a disciple of Christ...most have not had a drastic experience, Mike Erickson mentioned that it is a choice every day and that some days the right choice is not made. Doc Perkins encouraged us to always be talking to God...give Him your sufferings and your joys.

#### 4. Other Business or concerns

- a. Fee payment policy-attachment reviewed and approved. Possibly using this FFC committee to act like school board to collect fees in the fall and/or possibly put something in the bulletin towards tuition assistance. According to the Archdiocese audit...fees should be taking care of /3 of the overall FFC budget.
- b. Budget Approval-see attachment
- c. Faith Formation leader contracts approved
- d. Parish/family contract (see attached)...items chosen were as follows:
  - i. **Loving those within my household:**
    1. I will pay more attention to the needs and wants of those near to me, either in my home or community.
    2. I will work hard to forgive others when they have hurt me. I will use the words, "I am sorry." And "I forgive you."
  - ii. **Loving your neighbors and world:**
    1. I will admit to any grudges or prejudices that I hold toward other groups and try to see beyond them AND I will try to find ways to be more tolerant of people I don't like.
    2. I will do at least one thing each week to improve the care of the earth on which we live. This might include recycling, picking up trash, demanding better laws from government, or caring for a garden.
  - iii. **Living our Faith and being in our parish:**
    1. I will be present and active for Sunday Mass each week, or as often as possible for me.
    2. I will pause each day to pray, using whatever prayer form suits me best.
  - iv. **On the Part of the rest of the parish:**
    1. Promise to make the Sunday Assembly the single most important focal point of parish life.
    2. Welcome all to Sunday Assembly regardless of their situation in life.
    3. If we are called to help, we will do everything possible to provide help to you.
- e. Shelly Lydon and Doc Perkins will be in charge of the beginning of the year picnic/party. School Board volunteers will be asked to help as well.
- f. For the June meeting, so some reflecting on the purpose and values statements. Do they make sense, do we need to update them, what would you change?
- g. **Additional**-fundraiser for corn days August 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, yes, we will do it. 8:30-10:30 Sat morning in Waukon State Bank parking lot..this group will serve breakfast. Sheila, Sherry and Lisa as well as some school board volunteers will coordinate and work this event.

#### 5. Closing Prayer

Next meeting June 10, 2014

