

Members present: Mike Ward, Sherry Welch, Shelly Lydon, Sheila Mellick, Mike Erickson, Lisa Snitker, and Dr. Steve Perkins. Allyson Brawner, Lori Ross and Angeline Nesseim

## 1. Prayer

The meeting opened with a Leader Gram Prayer (page 3) (Reflection and Sharing Starters). Suggestions of ways to magnify the Lord are to live your day to day life accordingly, set examples for your children and to make Him the center of your household. The overall excitement of children returning to school and receiving the sacraments are ways to witness God being made "bigger" in the day-to-day world.

## 2. Administrative Issues

a. Approval of Minutes –Approval by consensus.

b. Reports

i. Youth (up to grades 7-8)

1. Registration was not widely attended...too much going on, couple of communication mistakes, etc. Going forward, Mike doesn't want to mail registration forms, he wants face to face registration.
2. Still need a couple catechists. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and possibly for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade as we might have to split that class into two classes due to size. Sheila Mellick volunteered and Mike ask us to be thinking of others and let him know if we come up with anyone.
3. Children's Liturgy of the Word-need new ones.
4. Mike will be attending a session on "Baptism Best Practices" in New Hampton in Sept.

ii. Youth (High school)

1. It continues to be important to keep Confirmation and Faith Formation separate. Confirmation will not be held on Wed. night anymore. Life Teen (high school) will meet two Wed. a month (usually the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>).
2. Decision Point is the Dynamic Catholic program we are using for confirmation.
3. Letters were sent to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders to tell them about the group (Life Teen UP) apprising them of the once a month meetings after the 10AM Mass for just upperclassmen.
4. Working on a once a month "youth mass" (although we won't call it that) for the 10AM mass.
5. The Steubenville Youth Conference in Rochester with three high school girls went well.

iii. School-

1. 163 students (Jr. Kindergarten- 6<sup>th</sup>) and 20+ in the 3 year old program

iv. Adult-

1. Bible Study-Gospel of Matthew
2. A Biblical Walk through the Mass for Advent and Oremus (personal and homework, pray and journal) for Lent.
3. Book Club idea being tossed around
4. RCIA-nothing yet

v. Financials-handed out and reviewed.

## 3. In-service/training

a. Chapter 4 from "Forming Intentional Disciples"...lots of discussion on God's grace being there for us, we just need to be open to it.

#### **4. Other Business or concerns**

- a. Mission Statement discussion
  - i. DVD reviewed on how we (Catholic church) got to where we are today.
  - ii. After reviewing our current Purpose Statement and Value Statement with Characteristics of an effective mission statement, we decided that what we currently have is pretty good. We eliminated our Values Statement and we added "inspired" to our Purpose Statement (which will now be called a Mission Statement). Our Mission Statement will read as follows: As believers in Christ and guided **and inspired** by the Holy Spirit.....
- b. New member-Lori Ross is leaving, she is appointed, not elected. Tom O'Neill will be the school board rep. It would be nice to have some more gender balance, so having another man on the committee would be ideal. Some names we came up with to consider for a new member are Mary Ward, Donna Snitker, Teresa Snitker, and anyone who volunteered at the breakfast last Sat.
- c. Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> is our Beginning of the Year Picnic.
- d. Officers...Sheila will remain as chair, Sherry will remain as secretary and Shelly will become vice-chair.
- e. The Breakfast at Corn Days yielded between \$500-\$600

#### **5. Closing Prayer**

Next meeting September 16th

