

St Patrick Parish Faith Formation Commission Minutes: November 19, 2013 meeting

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

1. Prayer

The meeting opened with a Leader Gram Prayer (page 3) about giving (almsgiving, giving without recognition, giving of your time and talent) expressions of gratitude, finding reasons to thank God in all things, freedom, and remembering gratitude in times of sadness and deprivation and not just times of plenty.

2. Administrative Issues

- a. Approval of Minutes-by consensus
- b. Leader-gram-The Saints, Top 10 List for being catholic, social teaching. Mike has put some additional information on the church website. He encouraged us to take a look at them, as they are very well done.
- c. Reports
 - i. Youth
 - 1. Due to priest availability, we have changed the time of the K-6 this next week to 5-6PM, so that grades 3-6 can celebrate Reconciliation.
 - 2. The first Parent/Child night for 1st Reconciliation/Eucharist went well.
 - 3. First Reconciliation is December 17th. There will be four priests including Fr. Jim.
 - 4. Allyson reported on the Life Team program-a comprehensive catechesis and youth ministry program. She likes **LifeTeam.com**...the information is presented in a fun and interesting way. She also spoke of the new curriculum next year. Discussion included information being endorsed by the archdiocese which centers on Mass and the sacraments.
 - ii. School-nothing new
 - iii. Adult
 - 1. There are currently two people attending RCIA in the parish.
 - 2. The Caring For Marriages talk had a small group, but good response from those who came. For future marriage enrichment we could consider re-cycling some of the current information and do it again in a couple years and/or a Couples Retreat.
 - iv. Financials were reviewed and Mike E. mentioned that invoices will be sent for the In Parish Tuition/Fee (hopefully in early December).

3. In-service/training

- a. Dreams and Visions discussion (pages 107-119)
 - 1. The 50-50 partnership (page 113) seems do-able and there are worksheets to help us get started. We could possibly put index cards (or something) in the pews (include kids too), make an announcement, put something in the bulletin, have members from FFC available at Masses to explain it better, etc. Using the index cards, people could check off what they can do to help. Although Advent is a great time to present it, most thought that it would get lost during the goings on in most lives during this time of year. We will revisit this at our next meeting and possibly consider doing it just before Lent.
 - 2. We need to be welcoming.
 - 3. We liked almost everything on page 115

4. Visioning for the Future

- a. We need a textbook evaluation committee to review the textbooks and on-line information to determine ease of use (Feb/March)
- b. Parish evangelization-there was lots of discussion on how to implement this. We talked about small groups, we discussed retreats, we talked about what other parishes are doing. Mike E. showed us a short 'Light of the World' video(retreats intended to evangelize). He ask us to review their website

www.lotwem.org and to review the Christ Renews His Parish website www.chirpusa.org (as both contain very good info) and we will discuss again next month

5. Other Business or Concerns

- a. We had to move our next meeting date to December 10th as the 17th of December is First Reconciliation.
- b. Dr. Perkins gave us a brief overview of the Catholic conference in California he attended on health care and social justice.

6. Closing Prayer

Next meeting December 10th.

