

Adult Faith Formation Minutes from 1/21/2020 meeting

Attending- Mark Kunstman, Sharon Brabson, Dixie Van Vorous, Jan Liss

Opening- Opened with prayer and discussion of the book “Rediscover the Saints”

Related to our assignment to read “Unlocking Your Parish” and “Divine Renovation” in an effort to discern the best plan for future Alpha’s series, discussion included that parishioners may not have a “hunger” to grow in their faith and they may lack an awareness that they are missing anything, folks move from belonging to believe to behavior change and there may be a need for parishioners to avoid thinking that good deeds are enough. **We will email Mark by Feb. 11 with a list possible ideas and best practices** to help parishioners to move to engagement, a sense of belonging and a deepening relationship with God.

Advent Awakening small groups -7 groups were formed (Lynn P, Becky, Doug and Dixie, Mark, Heather, Andrea and Sharon) which is a record number and record number of participants. Katrina also did an on-line study, which is something to consider more of in the future. Groups enjoyed the study, especially that it was scripture based. One group leader suggested it may be helpful for leaders to meet together to share ideas.

Discussed charging vs not charging for the study booklets; agreed that as long as we are meeting our budget we won’t charge.

Lent Small Group- Creation Care Mission has suggested use of a Laudato Si related study for one choice, in commemoration of it’s 5th anniversary. The groups felt participants may be more interested in the Renew-Live Lent study which is similar to the advent study. **Mark will email a summary of the Renew study in the next week, so that a final decision can be made on the Lenten study.**

The Christmas Eve gifting of Rediscover the Saints by Matthew Kelly experienced some miscommunication, though most books have now been distributed, with a good amount of positive comments heard. It was suggested that copies could also be given during new member meetings. Three book discussions are scheduled, though only one attended the first one.

Alpha Reunion Potluck’s -14 attended the January session where the first video of the Mass was viewed; first reactions are that this video may not be as well received as the first Word on Fire video we used last winter through summer. **Next potluck is Feb. 8, Mark will host. Jan will promote with email to the Alpha group and also with a mass announcement.** Future potlucks are March 21, April 18 and May 16.

Next FF meetings are: Tuesdays April 21, May 12 and June 9 all at 10AM

Respectfully submitted by Jan Liss 1/23/20

