

CFM Committee Meeting Minutes October 7, 2020

- Welcome and opening prayer: Hail Mary led by Laurie
- In attendance: Laurie Tanel, Pamela Feltes, Gail Jolliffe (PC), Melodie and John Haddon (catechists), Parents: Lori Heckel, Barbie Godan, and Ellen Maxwell
- **K-6 Laurie**
 - We finally had 1st communion for our 8 kids on July 18. Went great. Covid style: masks, no cup, limited attendance
 - Numbers: enrollment 38 kids, down 20%. Reasons for not enrolling: busy on weeknights, didn't want virtual format
 - One in person class for 3 special needs kids every other week
 - All other classes virtual and going great. Laurie and the teachers have really embraced the zoom platform and have learned how to integrate the tools from Loyola Press and other tools to keep the classes engaging
 - Permanent Diaconate Candidate Pete Giersch working with Laurie until mid November. Teaching 2nd grade and special needs class with her
 - Java with Jesus for Parents
 - Disappointing start. We had one person attend
 - Survey sent out to see if there is interest in these sessions and why they didn't attend. 16 responses to survey so far. 20% not interested, 45% too early, 35% other reasons (overslept, out of town, uncooperative toddler 😊)
 - Next one will invite parish wide. Try again in November
 - Starting to work on how we are going to do First Reconciliation
- **MS/HS Pam**
 - Confirmation was on August 19 at St James. It went fine. Many parents had complaints about times and a few other things but the service itself went well.
 - Numbers: enrollment 17 kids grades 8-11, down 50%
 - New 8th grade teacher, Baylee. 1st class kids weren't prepared. Hadn't picked up their books so class had to be rescheduled.
 - Using Ascension Presents "The Encounter" Video series and zoom discussion
 - 9th and 10th grade are using Alpha Video Series and zoom discussion
First class went well
 - 11th grade is combined with St James. One week is the Alpha video series and zoom discussion and the other week is a service project outing. Classes begin this month
 - There was some talk about having 11th grade in person but there is little interest and St Theresa's won't be participating

- Confirmation Retreat
 - 2 sessions have taken place
 - Retreat is done in collaboration with St James
 - The last session was held at Paradise Springs and the retreat was led by INET. Students had good feedback.
- Zoom
 - We also discussed how we weren't really excited about the zoom plan in the beginning but now that our Covid numbers are so high in our state and SE WI we are so glad this is what we are doing
 - We also discussed how initially it sounded like it would be "easier" than in person classes but it is a lot more work than anticipated. That being said, we are really enjoying working with all of the kids in this format. Laurie is loving being at all of the classes and seeing all of the kids.
- Youth Reps
 - Laurie has worked with Darlene Sturzinger to get a couple of our youth to join parish council as youth reps
- Questions and comments
 - Ellen asked how the 2nd grade sacraments will take place. Too early to tell. Working on Reconciliation. We know it will look different. Smaller, no food, etc. We will come up with a safe way to celebrate the sacraments
 - John asked Pam to look into Alpha Catholic video series which is different than the Alpha series she is using. Pam will look into this.
 - Barbie commented that she and her kids like the evening/weeknight format. Her kids are enjoying the sessions and she's there doing it with them (like the family component in our family program). She said she likes the zoom format because she feels safe. Her kids love using the white boards in their classes. Barbie was also very appreciative for the efforts that have been put into the program we are offering this year.
- Everyone was encouraged to continue to bring concerns or suggestions to Laurie and Pam so we can continue to improve what we provide our families.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm

Minutes submitted by Laurie Tanel