

## **Trinity Cluster Faith Formation Commission**

### January Minutes

The regular meeting of the Trinity Cluster Faith Formation Commission was held on January 19, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the parish offices in Monona. In attendance were Fr. Nils Hernandez, Stacy Miner, John Winter, Dawn Reardon, DeeAnn McGlaughlin, Vickie Breitbach, and Mike Erickson.

The meeting began with an opening prayer and a discussion followed about commitments on which to focus during the current year. The theme of the commitments was "Let Peace of Christ control your hearts."

Due to inclement weather, several Faith Formation classes have been canceled. Fr. Nils presented Faith Formation calendar changes to help meet the recommended contact hours set forth by the archdiocese. The commission discussed the calendar changes and agreed those changes were appropriate for our cluster to best serve our students.

Fr. Nils shared some feedback from our recently hired Director of Faith Formation. So far the transition has been good and the help from others is much appreciated.

The NCYC trip was discussed. Fr. will be unable to be in attendance for the entirety of the trip and has made arrangements for another adult from the parish to fulfill his duties during his absence. Current fundraising was discussed at length. There will be thermometers at each parish to show the current status of the fundraising goal and it will be arranged to have students who are participating in NCYC speak briefly at weekend masses.

An invitation was shared for our students from St. Patrick's in Waukon for a weekend "food fast" to be held on March 31-April 1.

A brief update on opportunities within the parish during lent were also discussed. The soup and sustenance program will focus on the Theology of the Body. There will also be Stations of the Cross every Friday.

RCIA was discussed in terms of increasing accessibility and appeal within the cluster. It was noted that a personal invitation is the most successful way to encourage membership within the Catholic faith.

A closing prayer was said.

The next regular meeting of the Trinity Cluster Faith Formation Committee will be held on Thursday, February 16 at 7:00 at the cluster offices.

Faithfully submitted,  
Stacy Miner