

Lifelong Faith Formation Committee St. Katharine Drexel Parish

MISSION: Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we follow the footsteps of Jesus, through love for the Eucharist and outreach to those in need. As one Body of Christ, we are a diverse community journeying toward our common goal of the Kingdom of God.

VISION: As a community we will act through: *Living out corporal and spiritual works of mercy, *Committing to individual and communal prayer, *Growing in knowledge and faith, *Communicating for Unity.

January 14, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Committee Members: Kristin Adsit, John Pryme, Vicki Kaul, Carolina Ganske, Michael Prisk, Rita Nowak

PRESENT: John, Vicki, Mike, Rita, Kristin (arrived at 7:25)

PRAYER:

REPORTS:

*****GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: Father Mike: Church renovation is on task and moving forward. In about two weeks actual cost will be known. The committee met with the archdiocese regarding the renovation. The finance committee will be meeting to gather information and prepare the 2019 budget for the next fiscal year and share this with the archdiocese as was asked for.

** The weekend of March 2/3, Feast of St. Katharine Drexel, the parish will hold a Small Faith Fair. The concept is based on a college fair where the committees and various parish groups will be present with information about their purpose and mission within the parish. The idea is to expose the general public of the parish to what is available in the parish. The idea is that everyone "belongs" which might mean belonging to some group to feel involved and part of the parish. This will be held prior to renovation. John, who is heading this, asked for help and volunteers from each committee or group to be present to tell everyone about their mission. He also asked for volunteers to assist him in the preparation of the weekend. ***** Later in meeting realized that a representation for the divorced or separated is missing.

***Eucharist Adoration will be January 18 – 19.

***Parish Council: Vicki reported their last meeting focused on renovation updates. The council is considering a survey that would consider what will happen when Mass is in the Mission Hall, special situations concerning the hall, and what the committee might have missed (schematics). The goal of the survey is to receive feed back on what the committee might not have thought of in planning. There will be a video put together that will describe the new areas of the church. This is informational and well as a marketing tool.

The retirement of Barb Haase was discussed and the plans to search for a new principal for the school.

***K-10 Formation – Kristin: Reconciliation Retreats went well. Need 4th grade teacher. I am working on a family art activity to enhance program-family collaboration of the faith.

John: April 10 there is a Eucharistic Event for LLFF. There will be mixed group activities for February. St. Vincent de Paul Society will be discussing their role in the church and community.

Confirmation Update: The students will present playlets in the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Youth Group Update:

****Young Adult update: No report.

***Adult Education/Small Faith Groups: Kristin

Family Ministry: Baptismal Sunday Breakfast went well. It was the springboard for 8 – 10 new ideas from the young families so this ministry can move forward. There is a new volunteer for the group. Kristin's goal is to implement one new idea from this.

Brief discussion of the book(let) to be given to families of prayers (blessings). When is it a good time to give this – new families, Baptism, etc.?

Marriage Ministry: table for Two has 6 couples coming. Anticipating more.

Adult Education/Small Faith groups: Building the Baptism Retreat team for the March retreat.

Special Education Ministry: No update.

Spanish Ministry: No update- in discussion.

John: Charismatic Retreat Group: Will be at Fair mentioned above to create interest and possible members.

OLD BUSINESS:

***Survey: Kristin briefly reviewed results with us. We will discuss these items as found in the agenda items.

NEW BUSINESS: Establish goals for the committee for the five-year plan. Here is a very rough draft of the mission or vision statement: The Life Long Faith Formation Committee will increase the awareness of prayer life, programs and projects to engage the St. Katharine Drexel Parish, Tri-Parish Community, local Catholic parishes and the local communities in the opportunity develop and increase faith or spiritual life. Goal: Life Long Faith Formation will focus on implementing, enhancing or revising one new idea (project or program) each year.

OTHER BUSINESS: Summer Bible Camp – Discussion is in progress to have a Catholic Bible Camp for SKDP. Tri-Parish and the other Catholic parishes in the area. It would be held the last week of July. The focus would be on family, scripture readings for the week and a service project. Parish attendance at the city wide one has been low the past few years.

Closed with prayer.

Submitted by Rita Nowak (2/11/19)

