

Lifelong Faith Formation Committee St. Katharine Drexel Parish

August 14, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Committee Members: Kristin Adsit, John Pryme, Julie Ferstl, Carolina Ganske, Michael Prisk, Rita Nowak

PRESENT: Mike, John, Kristin, Rita, Julie

PRAYER: Julie Blessing of all committees from Father Mike

REPORTS:

***Parish Council: Julie – Full council plus one. New officers: Chair – Bob, Vice Chair – Julie, Secretary – Mark. Update on renovation (furniture). Common goals of the parishes guided by Father Mike are on family ministry with focus on Baptism families and those preparing for Marriage and married couples. Feed the Souls would bring together the parish and various ages to grow food and use it for meals or learn how to preserve the produce. The idea of 24- hour adoration conducted 4 times a year is being discussed. (Our committee suggested a purpose for each.)

***General Announcement: Open invitation for the fundraiser in September for the support of the nonprofit Pregnancy Center.

***K-10 Formation – Kristin: Registration are coming in for K-7. Data base for those enrolled is being worked on. Grade 3 and 7 teachers are still needed.

John: The schedule is finalized. Facilitators are still needed for the topics to be discussed. The topics are on the Sacraments and Prayer. Two more leaders are needed. Confirmation classes begin in September.

***Adult Education/Small Faith Groups - Kristin: Groups now available: Tuesday A.M. group is doing a book study. Thursday P.M. group is focusing on the Old Testament. Wednesday evening group will study the topics in the Symbolon series. The Wednesday 3:30 group study the Scriptures for Sunday. There is also the Mom's group.

Ideas discussed for new groups or for topics were: During Advent study Ignatian Spirituality – Falling in Love – Finding God and then end the sessions with Table for Two. (This would keep with the goals above.). Possible time for class might be prior to Mass on Tuesday evenings.

John: There are two other groups: Men's group on Monday A.M. and Men's Saturday morning group. At this time there is a question if they will be continuing. Quote from John: "Busy Parish – Nourished Parish".

Discussion was on a possible idea of a class on the book by Joe Paprocki called "The Bible Blueprint". Rita has read it and highly recommended it for a study group.

***Vacation Bible School – Kristin and John – Some of the church participating are questioning validity of having this activity because of the low attendance. An idea to be added was to have a teen faith sharing group during the school. Also discussed was to have a survey sent to discuss why families have or have not participated in this activity. Is this due to dates, times, etc.? This would be included under the goals of family ministry.

OLD BUSINESS:

***Faith Formation K-10: Older students assisting younger students schedule was revisited and tentative schedule given. Tentative in the sense of being flexible by other groups involved. Father Mike had the idea of prayer partners of the older and younger students.

Discussion of the speakers/ideas during the curriculum schedule included: Vocations, visit with a missionary, individuals from other cultures – How do I relate to them? friends – Who are they and why do I have them as a friend? What about Jesus? A question came up if the archdiocese has speakers on various topics visit parishes and give presentations.

***Service/Outreach ideas: Cards for shut-ins or those hospitalized (Thinking of You cards), helping special needs students when they have special Olympics, rake leaves in the fall for the elderly, cleans pews in church, making toys for the animals at the Humane Society, help at funeral dinners or other church dinners or breakfasts, make seasonal decorations for the Green Valley break room, cemetery spruce up in the spring, helping at a soup kitchen, and activities for the Ronald McDonald House.

***Topics for study groups: Symbolon project, Formed.Org on the Eucharist, Pope Francis' Call to be Holy.

***Charismatic Retreat/Group: Mike is still working on and praying about it. Rita suggested to investigate a program called Alpha.

NEW BUSINESS:

***Family Ministry – Goal and Focus for 2018/2019 –Step back and listen to people? What are we hearing from people? How does one translate that into a ministry? What are the committee's ideas on this? How can this be implemented? How does a parish go forward with this?

OTHER BUSINESS: Looked over a survey created by Kristin.

Closed with prayer.

Submitted by Rita Nowak (9/9/18)