

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.

December 11, 2018 Meeting Minutes

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

PRESENT: Kristen, John, Vicki, Rita

PRAYER: Hail Mary

REPORTS:

\*\*\*Parish Council: Vicki reported that a meeting with the Tri-Parishes was held. It was very broad-based talking about councils. Nothing new to add. Bob will work with the committees to set their goals. I have not handed in the sheet of information with committee members and goals because the committee does not yet have goals established.

\*\*\*K-10 Formation – Kristin: Great Sacrament team who prepares the children (and parents) for the Sacraments of Penance and First Holy Communion. They use Scripture and instruction and activities to teach about the two Sacraments. The First Reconciliation Retreats will be held on January 6 and 13 from 4 – 6 P.M. Parents can choose either date for attending.

Advent wreath making with the LLFF children/parents, school children/parents, homeschooled children/parents, Hispanic community was a success. Mrs. Armstrong did a wonderful presentation and instruction how to make a wreath as well as pray during Advent. Father Eric blessed the wreaths and participants as a concluding prayer. This was for Grades K-5. Grades 6/7 had a refugee simulation exile activity which was also successful. December 19 will be caroling at 8 different sites. All the groups as listed above are invited as well as parish member.

Kristin will be recruiting children for the Christmas Eve Mass.

John: Upcoming topics for the Grade 8 – 10 group include: Deacon Randy speaking about the Sacrament of Baptism; Jan Dole speaking on personal prayer and a quiet time to read and reflect on Scripture; Father Eric speaking on the Guadalupe Prayer. There was discussion on how to improve the High School students and their parents being involved.

Confirmation Update: Retreat is this weekend (12/15-16). We leave on Saturday and return on Sunday. It is in Menasha. The topic is Prayer and relationship with God.

Youth Group Update:

\*\*\*Young Adult update: It is still in the process of discernment and formation of purpose.

\*\*\*Adult Education/Small Faith Groups: Kristin

Family Ministry: On Sunday, January 13 the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord after 10 A.M. Mass families who have had a child baptized within the past 5 years are invited to a Young Family fair which will have information about St. Katharine Drexel Parish life as well as healthy Catholic family ideas. Goal is to have ideas available for them what they can do and how the parish can assist them.

Kristin was given a book about the Domestic Church and prayers and blessings. The title was Household Blessings and Prayers. The goal is to have every family in the parish to have this book. The thought is to give it to family's as they are in Baptism prep.

Kristin will meet with Sue and discuss Baptism and Marriage prep. The family committee could use more lay people on it.

Adult Education/Small Faith groups: January 5 – Epiphany Retreat with Jan leading. Kristin reported that she is thinking about having a Small Faith fair where the small faith groups and prayer groups would have information about their groups to let parish members know about them and offer individuals to join. The Ignatian Group of four couples (marriage group) will have a witness talk on January 6.

Father Mike joined our group briefly and stated that the month of February will focus on Love for the parish. Kristin has planned the Table for Two for February 1.

Special Education Ministry: No update. In January, Kristin will reach out to special needs groups to see if she can find out information about the Catholic population of special needs individuals.

John: Charismatic Retreat Group: No update.

OLD BUSINESS:

\*\*\*Survey: As applies to topics of the committee that are on the agenda each month. Ideas to assist Kristin in the implementation of the booklet she is making for parent participation.

NEW BUSINESS: Establish goals for the committee for the five-year plan.

Discussion on High School Program parental involvement. Evaluating Summer Bible School. Would it be more beneficial to have a "family orientation" with the parents coming with their children? Have it a family camp. Would it be a Summer Bible Camp involving children only for 2 to 4 days instead of 5? Would it be a weekly program for 2 to 4 weeks?

OTHER BUSINESS:

Closed with prayer.

Submitted by Rita Nowak (1/1/19)