

Lifelong Faith Formation Committee St. Katharine Drexel Parish

June 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes

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

PRESENT: Kristin, John, Julie, Michael, Rita.

PRAYER: John

REPORTS:

****TRI-PARISH - Year theme (topic) - Feed the souls**

As a Tri-Parish and SKDP it is good to have a wider year topic as a process to define and workout how the topic-theme and their ideas work to increase relationships and holiness. The premise behind the theme is to establish relationships with and among families. It will also have families experience and know Jesus through relationships. There must be steps to follow in accomplishing this goal.

Example of an idea: food plots - learning how to grow food, eat healthy and even the reasons for canning and freezing. Having conversations with new people to establish relationships that will grow into faith filled people.

Basis of a theme and working with all parishes is to help families.

The Tri-Parish Council meetings will be in June and December.

****Parish Council - Julie-** There are five new council members. There is now a full council to advise Father Mike in conducting and guiding the work of the parish.

****K-10 Formation - Kristen -** Distributed the calendar for 2018/19 for Wednesday evening sessions. Basically there will be 3 sessions per month. The fourth week will be used for teacher formation.

Kristen is meeting with Rosa for the Hispanic Parish members. Their program will run parallel to the English speaking program. Of concern is whether children are to be in the Spanish or English program due to home language preference.

There needs to be consistency especially in the Sacramental Programs.

Carolina offered to assist with explanation of this.

****Adult Education/Small Faith Groups - Kristin -** Small Faith Communities will continue in the fall.

Discussion for topics for Adult Education Sessions were: Marriage / Interfaith marriages.

Kristin thought ending that topic with the activity - Table for Two - for couples.

Another topic was the Eucharist. This would be a 4 - 8 week session. Symbolon was one resource mentioned. Further discussion will be at the August meeting.

Mike suggested a Charismatic Renewal group - Spirit Move You. Further research and discussion will be done.

The Wednesday night off for the LLFF teachers and aides would be for Adult Education(Formation for Catechists). Committee members were asked for topic ideas.

Rita brought up the concern about adult education for the elderly especially the homebound. Kristen suggested speaking with Deacon Randy especially as the Eucharist Ministry program begins.

OLD BUSINESS:

****Committee Roles:** Mike declined the position as chair. This role will be shared by all. Rita will be secretary and produce the next agenda as she does the minutes.

So that the meeting runs smoothly with ample and equal time for all agenda items, John suggested we keep discussion short. If an item needs further research or discussion, it will be added to the agenda for the next meeting. All agreed to the proposed format.

****LLFF Curriculum:** There was continued discussion the K-7 program and how to get more parents involved and interested in their Catholic faith.

Kristen talked with Lisa Derr about the topics of positive communication and healthy relationships. Discussion was about having a very general survey to guide Kristen and the committee on topic ideas for family relationships within the family and the parish. Discussion ensued: Why are the parents not coming to Mass with the children? Why have they left the faith? The parents see the importance of coming to LLFF regularly (and sometimes irregularly). But they do not have the children or families attend special events on Wednesday nights or Masses that occur on Wednesday evenings.

Key would be to find the answers to this concern. Listening is a big issue. After discussion, not sure if survey would give us those answers.

John attended a workshop at a convention that addressed some of these concerns. He will report next time on his findings of the workshop and other research. Continued discussion on this for the August meeting. Committee members are to come with questions, ideas, topics, methods, ect. to bring families and others that are disconnected from family and church family.

NEW BUSINESS:

****K-7 LLFF --** Inclusion of service and outreach dimension to the entire program. This would not just be going out into the community but students helping each other. Committee members are to bring 2-3 ideas of service/outreach for grades 8 - 10 and K-7. Names of businesses or organizations would be appreciated. Also ideas would be appreciated for the older students to assist the younger ones.

****** Vacation Bible School ---** Joint endeavor with other faiths -- July 29 - August 1 -- 5:30 Food -- 5:30 - 7:30 Activities. Volunteers are needed. Kristen asked for volunteers from the committee to be at the exits of the church to register participants on the weekends of July 7/8, 14/15, 21/22.

*****Family Ministry --** Continuation from our committee from the Tri-Parish Report: Carolina mentioned a parish she was a member of the the Spanish/English population gathered during the month of May (SKDP - could be Wednesday nights) to eat and say the Rosary. The Spanish Committee will be given this idea to discuss. Rita mentioned we may need to educate about what the Rosary is and what prayers are said.

*****Charismatic topics and renewal --**Mike will check what the archdiocese has available plus other programs that might be available.

**** Amazing Parish:** further discussion -- tying in with Tri-Parish report.

Closing Prayer: Julie

No July meeting. Next meeting: August 14, 2018

Notes submitted by Rita Nowak (7/1/18)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ACTIONS ----- for August 14, 2018 Meeting

- 1) Names of speakers or topics for LLFF grades 8 - 10
- 2) Topics for Eucharist education -- 4 - 8 week sessions
- 3) Topics for a one night adult education program (think of the catechists)
- 4) Question, ideas, topics, methods to connect families together and with the Faith
- 5) 2-3 service/outreach business/organizations/activities for K - 10
- 6) 2-3 ideas/activities for grades 8 - 10 to work with the younger children
- 7) Further thoughts on Charismatic Retreat or group