

## **JOINT PARISH Faith Formation Meeting Minutes January 7, 2019**

ATTENDEES: Karen Farrell (lead), Jennifer Geisler, Amy Golden, Mary Kral (minutes), Lisa Bixby, Dan Zehnpfennig, Jim Winniecki, Eileen Rudnick.

EXCUSED: Patrick and Ann-Marie Duemling, Jackie Borthwick

Prayer and prayer intentions

Wins: *Children's Liturgy of the Word (Amy filled in and it was a good experience!); Jennifer G: a high schooler mentioned spending more time in Adoration in the Chapel;*

How am I living out the mission of the parish? *Karen: Meeting with moms (faithful discipleship); Dan Z: Greeter/ usher/ welcoming new members (service); Amy: openness to families and what's happening in their lives and help them grow; Lisa: be invitational, have a good feeling about the parish, she calls 30+ senior members of the parish to check in; Jennifer: be inviting to high schoolers in our program, open, willing to be joyful in work and generate excitement about our faith; Amy: support of staff members to each other is important so others see us working together as a team; Eileen: received a beautiful note back from someone who received a prayer shawl made by her in the Prayer Shawl ministry group; Jim: working with the Holy Spirit walking in faith with a coworker*

### AGENDA

St Bruno's Common Meeting, January 15. *Mary and Amy will give the presentation. 5 minutes, high level*

*Jennifer Geisler introductions as interim leader of Youth Ministry. Volunteer catechist for many years, experience at all levels, Faith Formation Admin Assistant since 7/2015; very familiar with the programs. She is sifting through the various requirements and reminding students/parents/catechists; making it a priority to follow up on attendance issues, calling families whose students need to be at class and requiring communication if you miss class and make up work. Attendance has improved. Working on improving communication about service requirements. Jennifer is supporting and encouraging catechists in their roles. Has scheduled a parent meeting to check in on confirmation requirements. Jennifer is working hard to learn more about St Bruno and the families and students in high school program as well as the ministries in order to communicate more about service opportunities available.*

Chairperson and additional members needed for this Committee. *All are asked to make a concentrated effort to find new members. This committee is NOT just for families with children in the programs, Faith Formation is LIFE LONG. We MUST have a chair as soon as possible. A job description for committee members and for Chair is needed. According to PC guidelines, per Dan Z, committees should be comprised of 7-12 non staff and PC members.*

St Paul Semi-Annual Ministry Conference formerly known as Common Meeting Night. *More details will be available about this after the 1/22/19 planning meeting at St Paul PC meeting. Moving to a twice/year format for better communication among the many committees and ministries of the parish. 10 minute, high level presentation on what's been done and what is coming. Committees may elect to meet that night or on regularly scheduled meeting night. Q & A planned.*

Pastoral Council updates:

### ST BRUNO

- Bible study programs were being explored. *During Lent, "Turning Point, a Study of the Gospel of John" will be offered. DATE/TIME TO BE DETERMINED.*
- Young Life at Kettle Moraine, John Bosco Youth Day were suggested. *Youth Ministry will continue to investigate all options available for our high schoolers.*
- Number of participants in existing programs at both parishes will be discussed at February PC meeting. *Additional information is requested re: registration numbers, numbers attending 1 or 2 programs and dropping out, etc. Faith Formation will address PC (at St Paul that night) on 4/23/19. PC would like to know how the*

*numbers in the programs correspond to the size of the parish. Amy reported the numbers are fairly consistent each year. The Parish Database Systems is used to do a mailing to invite all parish members.*

- Everyone in Faith Formation invited to attend the St Bruno 1/15/19 Common Meeting Night Amy, Mary, Jennifer will present updates
- What more can be done to bring enriching aspect of Faith Formation to the combined parishes? *Continued awareness and education*
- More training available for lay volunteers in catechesis for well-informed Catholics in the future.

#### ST PAUL

- November: PC, Stewardship, staff performed Parish Stewardship Assessment with Barb Vite from Archdiocese. Data gathered to create a report with recommendations. PC will set priorities and create a plan
- Stewardship Plan expected by May/June, launch Fall and culminate in Stewardship Fair in 2020

Minutes from November meeting: *Amy was going to check on this.*

Minutes from each meeting: *per Eileen they can be sent via email to committee for review/corrections/approval and then be forward to Eileen for Pastoral Council.*

Minutes taken by Mary Kral

Working On items submitted prior to meeting:

Karen:

Classes

Auction

Sacramental Prep record keeping

Work and Pray – invite middle schoolers to learn to knit some Sunday afternoon with Monday am ladies

WI Catholic Youth Rally – organize and promote

Mom's group – invite new moms to leadership/small group training, create/facilitate Virtual Mom group

Youth Lectors – training; Catrina Kingscott will schedule

Mary

Alpha planning (begins 1/31 at St Bruno's)

Planning for Lent

Attending Archdiocesan Small Groups workshop training

Baptism prep/scheduling

RCIA: still welcoming new members

Easter season ideas

Jennifer

Confirmation – gathering info from families, deadline March 10th

Service hours – working on more offerings (baby bottles, Parish Mission, St Vincent de Paul)

Mission Trips – create spreadsheet of mission trips offered in our area for those interested

Ongoing work to get kids to come to class. Establish missed class procedures. Working on follow through

WI Catholic Youth Rally info was sent previous week to families. PUSH for attendance. Two chaperones ready to go.

Amy

Registered new family, preparing 8 year old for Baptism and joining class to prepare for First Communion and First Reconciliation

Break between Christmas and New Year's, gearing up for classes and Eucharist retreat in March

Starting to think about scheduling and budget for next year.