

Faith Formation Board Meeting
December 3, 2019

Present: Tammy Barry (refreshments), Jane Hommel, Dan Jinguji (opening prayer), Linea Johnson, Mary Johnson, Wendy McCann, Sue McNamara (closing prayer), Theresa Paul, Dave Schneider,
Penny Zimmerman led meeting.

Youth Report: Linea – going well!

Lock-In: Friday-Saturday December 6- 7; 9:30 pm (will give later than usual a try) – 8 am sharp!
Will make gingerbread houses.

Adoration: during Youth Group time (6:30 pm) on December 15. Fr. Steve will explain why and what is happening. Dan Jinguji will provide music. Confession and Benediction is offered as well. Families are especially invited and the whole parish is welcome! Epiphany Party on January 5.

Faith Formation Report: Theresa

First Reconciliation: Tomorrow on December 4 with 13 kids Fr. Steve and Fr. Jeff will hear confessions.

Conference – Theresa is excited about a program to support parent(s) of newborns over a three year period. Every six months they receive a packet with parenting information as well as encouragement about the faith. She will meet with Fr. Steve and Deacon Jim and explain what is available. She has wanted something like this for a very long time, in order to keep the connection with the families before ‘formal’ religious education.

General Directory of Catechesis: After one more editing, the latest update (not just a revision) will be released! Theresa handed out a summary

Coffee and Donuts for December 22, sign-up, Sue will send out typed list in order to fill in the blanks.

Safety Committee: No one had any information as to any progress.

Retirement: Sue - After working here 21 years, Sue wants to be a full-time Grandma and to be able to travel with John. She will miss terribly working with Theresa, her co-workers and ministering to the families of Sacred Heart. A search committee will be formed with Fr. Steve, Theresa and two Board members with the procedural guidance of Diocesan director Victoria Loveland. Thank you to Penny and Dave who volunteered along with Tammy and Dan saying they could assist as well.

Bible Study – Tammy - Advent Bible Study: December 8, 15, and 22. The plan is then to finish Volume 1 of Pivotal Players by Lent. Then will switch to the **Lenten Bible study** for 3 weeks.

Summer Programs: Dave received feedback from members about the WSU Alive programs and the Lentil Festival booth. He would like to see an interfaith approach, and will contact Simpson, Concordia, and Trinity Lutheran for advice. Linea was not sure about which St. Thomas More FOCUS ministers would still be around in the fall. Tammy also brought up the ArtFest in May. All are great opportunities for community outreach.

Next Meeting is January 7 at 7 pm in the St. Charles room.

Opening Prayer: **Wendy** Closing Prayer: **Linea** Refreshments: **Linda**