

Faith Formation Board Meeting

November 5, 2019

Present: Tammy Barry (closing prayer), Linda Heidenreich (opening prayer), Jane Hommel, Dan Jinguji, Linea Johnson, Mary Johnson, Wendy McCann (refreshments), Sue McNamara, Jon Parrish, Theresa Paul, Dave Schneider, Penny Zimmerman led meeting. Guest Eric Patera was there as a Pastoral Council Safety rep.

Youth Report: Linea – going well! So far, 16 was the lowest number of teens and 21 the highest attendance. There is a lack of seating, so Linea will work on fixing that (pillows, gaming chairs, ?). She is also helping the kids get used to small groups so all can share. There is a request to talk about Purgatory.

Fundraising: Teens will sell coffee/hot chocolate for Dad's Weekend football game. Despite the weather, \$261 was raised at the St. Thomas More parking lot for homecoming.

Coffee and Donuts: Youth Group on November 17. Linea will send out a Flocknote to get helpers. **Auction:** There were only two kids that needed childcare and the older ones watched a movie. **Lock-In:** Friday – Saturday, December 6- 7.

Adoration: three out of four kids who went to the Middle School rally had never attended Adoration before. So Linea proposes having one during Youth Group time on December 15 and explain why, and what is happening. Confession is offered as well. In the future, we will open it up to families and the whole parish.

Faith Formation Report: Theresa Family Sacrament Night: Just had second one. This year there are fewer children, but lots of unique situations, many siblings preparing.

First Reconciliation: On December 4, with Fr. Steve and Fr. Jeff hearing confessions.

Catechist In-service: Sunday, November 17, at 12:15 pm in the St. Charles room. Theresa will provide lunch, talk about Advent, and how classes are going.

RCIA: Dan and Mary reported there are three women who will be baptized and one who is baptized, but not catechized.

Pivotal Players – Tammy - mixed attendance with seven being the most and two the fewest. Next, second part of St. Catherine of Siena, and then Blessed (now a saint) John Henry Newman.

Advent Bible Study: Theresa ordered ten books which will be studied 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 three weeks.

Bonita Lawhead: Has retired from the Faith Formation Board because of conflicts with work.

Safety Committee: Eric shared the concerns that the Pastoral Council has outlined that need to be addressed. Jon and Jane have agreed to be on the Safety subcommittee. A meeting will occur with the fire marshal and a building inspector at the same time to determine the number of smoke and CO detectors and first aid kits, where they should be placed, fire (and lockdown) drills and other advice from their expertise. Then the safety group will meet and decide a priority for items that can be acted upon. There were many questions, comments and discussion on this topic. One or two staff will be there, too, because it will affect classes. Penny may help as well because of her school experience.

VBS: Committee meeting was held today and there will be changes. All online registration, dates are July 20-24 at Concordia Lutheran, half day all week for all campers, and no cost to campers. Will still have teen time and BBQ on Thursday evening.

Flocknote Text-to-Join: Sue explained Flocknote and why the parish members are encouraged to sign-up.

Presentation to Pastoral Council: Penny brought Tammy's handout and explained the highlights. The Pastoral Council mentioned what they would like to see. Need to reach out to groups that are under-represented.

Vice President: Linda agreed to be Vice President this year and President next year. Thanks Linda!!

Next Meeting is December 3 at 7 pm in the St. Charles room.

Opening Prayer: Dan Closing Prayer: Linda Refreshments: Tammy