

Faith Formation Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 6, 2020 @ 7pm via Zoom

Attended by: Anderson Barry (youth board member), Tammy Barry, Father Steve Dublinski, Linda Heidenreich, Jane Hommel, Dan Jinguji, Linea Johnson, Amadeo Kittelson (youth board member), Wendy McCann, Betty Klover, Jon Parrish, Theresa Paul, Dave Schneider, Penny Zimmerman, Anna Park

- A. Call to prayer; Opening Prayer - Jon Parrish
- B. Agenda items according to each category.
 - a. Faith Formation Report: Theresa
 - i. Mailing and hand delivering Gospel Weeklies to families whether they have been able to register or not. Was able to meet a new family at the parking lot mass.
 - ii. For our preschool age children, we mailed out some coloring sheets, worksheets, and stickers. Feedback was extremely positive. We are going to try and mail these out once a month. This next month will be a Saint and Halloween focus.
 - iii. We had two sessions with RCIA. One participant is in Nigeria, so Zoom is allowing him to participate.
 - iv. One of our catechists sent notes on engaging our families with religious education that she wanted shared with the board (section d below).
 - b. Youth Group Report: Linea
 - i. Working on activities that will help students eventually transition to in-person small faith groups. Some do not love Zoom. Also working on community service ideas at the parent meetings. Some YG families are not ready for lots of contact, but the idea of letter writing to our elder community was proposed. Craft ideas or handmade cards were brought up.
 - ii. Getting YG members involved in the faith formation board and some that will get on the Pastoral Council. Father said the Pastoral Council is hoping to get input from the YG on engaging non-practicing Catholics and/or those that share Christian values. Tammy shared that getting feedback from the youth is great especially at this moment in history. Welcome to Andersen Barry and Amadeo Kittelson who are in attendance tonight.
 - iii. YG is engaged in watching videos, discussing, and playing games via Zoom. Father will join at some point.
 - c. Zoom Protocols: Linea (attachment sent & on meeting share screen)
 - i. Theresa asked for clarification on “Zoom Bombing”. Linea clarified that this is when someone who was not invited to the Zoom meeting says and does inappropriate things. This was more of a problem early on in Zoom usage across the country, but there are better security measures now, so is less of an issue. Not sharing Zoom meeting information or publishing it on our website, etc. is one preventative for “Zoom Bombing”. Send the meeting information once someone is signed-up to attend.
 - ii. Penny brought up having their actual name on the Zoom meetings like Pullman Public Schools. She also suggested no nicknames. Amadeo shared that the school is really strict about names being what would be on the attendance roster. Linea said this is something that could definitely be added. Tammy said that for the smaller children maybe we give them some grace in regard to the name that appears on Zoom. Linda said that we could note this in the protocols. Dan suggested having a note to parents on how to change name. Penny said that maybe a note about muting and unmuting would help the smaller children.
 - iii. Theresa shared that if RE classes were having Zooms, she would be able to drop in to any meeting for safe environment coverage. Amadeo shared that one of the procedures should be to have appropriate pictures as their off video.
 - iv. Dan shared that bringing a friend still needs to be an option and that he hopes that we aren’t excluding those opportunities. He said that if it becomes too formal of a process it can become off-putting. Theresa said the person inviting the friend needs to check with the adult in charge so that they are aware. Linea said that a forewarning would be nice to have if guests are going

to join. This reassures all that we are doing things to keep the youth safe. This communication between youth and parents would keep the setting safe.

- v. Jon asked what breakout rooms are. Linea clarified. (small groups within Zoom). Andersen reviewed the protocols and thought they looked good. Linda asked who these protocols would go out to (Linea and catechists). A more concise version will go out to parents.
- d. Suggestions from a catechist (attachment sent & on meeting share screen)
- i. Theresa said after talking to parents many are overwhelmed with screen time. Adding a Bible study is a great idea, but something difficult in our current circumstances. Wendy shared that she loved the idea, but then realized that this was too difficult to add in at this time. Linda said that these notes really suggest community and ways to connect. Linda said sending the mail to our RE families is a really great way to continue connecting. Dave said that showing up on the doorstep, and park meetups, go a long way in building/reestablishing community. Amadeo said that kids may be hesitant with another hour on Zoom doing a bible study.
 - ii. Father shared how the children he saw the other day had many questions for him. Father said that he would host an “Ask Father Steve” for small family groups. Wendy and Tammy thought this was an excellent idea. Linda suggested specific times like moving into a new liturgical season. Father is happy to do any time. Betty suggested a flyer to let families know. Anna asked if there is a way to connect the “Ask Father Steve” with getting families to parking lot mass and building community.
 - iii. Theresa let everyone know that there will be a first communion at the parking lot mass on Sunday, October 11.
 - iv. Tammy summarized the document to clarify for the group. It is a great community building idea, but may be too Zoom-focused.
 - v. Theresa has sent materials to families. Many families did want a hybrid method for RE. The first phase is physical materials that contain online links with videos and songs. It gives different levels of participation. She sees this a phase one of faith formation. Theresa will then poll families with questions about the phase one materials to see if they liked it or felt it was beneficial. Jon shared that he did lessons with his daughter in regard to sacrament prep, so he doesn't see this as more difficult or different than that prep. Jon likes that it is on the current gospels and makes it more relevant and relatable for the children. Wendy shared that it can be challenging because children are starting to rebel some. She and her family are looking forward to eventually being back at Sacred Heart. Tammy shared that the catechist's point about liturgical seasons and making them special is important. We don't have to do things weekly, but do something special for our liturgical celebrations.
- e. Advent Ideas: Linda
- i. She suggested doing a Jesse Tree where families can make an ornament, say a prayer, and see the community involvement from the ornaments on the tree. It could be socially distanced and give everyone a chance to connect in regard to our season. Jon said just going up to church and saying a prayer would remind the children that we are a part of this community. Theresa said even families without children would like this. Andersen liked the suggestion of the tree as a way to connect.
 - ii. Tammy wants to work on an idea to make the Christmas play happen. Amadeo remembers putting the shoes out for St. Nick. He suggested this might be something to do up at the church. Penny seconded. Linea said this is something for YG to work on. Theresa said this is an opportunity for volunteers to help. Dave suggested a stop motion with a comic and a voice over. Jon asked if you could coordinate with other families to go up at the same time. Father said yes and suggested many smaller trees so branches are reachable. Linda asked that if anyone has other ideas, to please send to Theresa.

C. Linda gave a brief summary of the meeting.

D. Closing Prayer - Linda Heidenreich