

## Faith Formation Board Meeting – 6/2/20 - 7pm via Zoom

**Attendants:** Theresa Paul, Jane Hommel, Father Steve, Penny Zimmerman, Mary Johnson, Jon Parrish, Dan Jinguji, Tammy Barry, Anna Park, Linea Johnson, David Schneider (11)

**Drive Thru Mass** – There were many moving parts, it was well attended, and a significant number of older attendees. Feast of the Sacred Heart might be a good weekend to have another drive-in Mass; it felt like a safe and successful gathering. The stage built for the altar was made by Eric Patera. The drive-in mass was not attended by many families with small children. Mary shared that a parishioner told her she enjoyed the Mass very much. Theresa shared that the sound system was clear. She noted that some were streaming and that the stream was very clear. Masks need to be worn as the potential spread area is 24 feet. Tammy shared that she tried to enunciate well due to wearing mask. Movie Theater let us use the parking lot for free. Would like to do this once per month. There were several volunteers that helped the morning of the Mass.

**Opening prayer** by Theresa Paul

**Review Notes** - Anna reviewed the minutes from our 5/5/20 meeting that was held via Zoom.

**Potential Board Member** - Jane contacted a new parishioner who is a part of the Catholic Daughters. She is interested in serving on the board. Last meeting we discussed that we might wait to do board changing until next fall. Linea mentioned that we do a discernment for potential board members. Dan suggested that we could do the discernment via Zoom. The parishioner knows this and has Zoom capabilities. To keep things as normal as possible, Father suggests that we go ahead and do this discernment now. Jane will check to see if next Tuesday, June 9, at 7pm will work. Anna will get the questions for the discernment and send to the FF Board along with the Zoom invite.

**Lentil Fest:** Mary shared that the Lentil Festival has been cancelled.

**Updates on virus:** We are going to try Mass at the church outdoors. Father is not encouraging those that are at-risk to attend (dispensation is still going). RE covered up the library to reduce touch surfaces. We have to have an intense cleaning routine for anything that is indoors. We have the products just not the staff power to make the appropriate cleaning take place. We will have hand sanitizer going around and give out sanitizer prior to Communion.

Theresa asked how we would keep track of number of in church attendees. Father said daily Mass is only attended by ten or fewer people, and there are no limits to how many can attend in the outdoor space. Each gathering at the church will have a roster to note who attended.

Tammy noted that some people were not wearing masks at the drive thru Mass and mentioned that it could make people nervous. Father stated that he would cancel Mass if someone refuses to wear a mask in the indoor or outdoor spaces. Internet viewership went up last weekend.

**Survey parents/Options:** An option is to have alternative Faith Formation classes, all online where catechists are reading the lessons online like the public schools are doing. Families would be provided with resources to do the lessons like with sacramental prep, or do neighborhood-like Zoom rooms/groups for lessons that are liturgical based. Theresa wants to know what the parents would like to do. Penny shared that parents are overloaded with online learning and that fall plans or online learning in the public schools are still up in the air. Dave shared that online learning is tough for the younger grades. Penny suggested waiting to see what the school district is going to. Theresa will need to have a plan or direction

by August so that she can order materials, etc. and see if the Catechists still want to help in an alternate education option. Please everyone share all ideas and options with Theresa that will work for our community. Dave said that families are maxed out. Penny wanted to remind us that we will need to be flexible and ready to go with other plans.

**Safely Re-opening:** Jon shared that the Safety Committee talked about many options for Masses and cleaning. The underlying theme was that we are still unsure how to have Mass and Eucharist safely and with full participation. Cleaning would need to be done after each Mass. Linea suggested that the coffee and donuts groups could wipe the church down after the Masses. The committee is going to meet again, but Jane and Jon both shared that an exact date wasn't set.

**Youth Ministry:** Tammy asked what would be needed of the youth who come to help with the outdoor Mass. (setting up and taking down the platform, altar, sound system, other items that cannot be left out overnight). Fr. Steve will try to just have single adults as altar servers. We will probably do a retraining of altar servers when we get back to regular Mass routines.

Linea is having weekly meetings with area directors for other options. Steubenville is online for \$60 per person which seems high. The youth might gather for a one day event at the end of July or do a free online event. They are hoping for the youth group kickball game in September. They have been meeting on Sunday evenings via Zoom. This past Sunday, 5/31/20, 11 youth met. There is a majority that has not been participating. Linea is still working on a way to reach out to them. Dave shared the idea of doing a drop-off activity at the youths' houses that they then do together online. Linea also had the idea of the chain letter. Tammy and Dave suggested a scavenger hunt and Linea said they did one via Zoom that was fun. Linea will continue with Zoom in the summer unless youth start to seem fatigued by it. Tammy shared that Andersen enjoys the meetings and looks forward to them.

Dave will set up a table for WSU All Campus Picnic (the Friday before the first day of classes)

Penny will take care of cards from the FF Board.

Anna will touch base with Jane to see if Betty is available for the meeting next Tuesday.

**Next meeting:** Meet again on Tuesday, August 4th at 7pm

**Closing Prayer** by Tammy Barry

**Meeting Ended:** 8:20 pm