

Faith Formation Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 5, 2021 @ 7pm via Zoom

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

A. Call to prayer; Opening Prayer - Jane Hommel

B. Agenda items according to each category:

- a. **Faith Formation Report (information) - Theresa** - RCIA resumes after a three-week break. Meetings have been at 1 pm on Wednesdays to accommodate the time difference for one of the participants. There are two groups of Zoom classes (grades 1-3 and 4-6) that are going really well. Theresa has been dropping in on the classes and the catechists are having lots of success and the children are engaged. The children's Christmas play was great and Theresa would like to thank everyone that helped make it possible. Confirmation & First Eucharist sessions begin next week and materials will be delivered soon. Anna is communicating with the Spanish community - we have three Spanish speaking families that are in Sacramental Prep. The Gospel Weeklies will be mailed out next week. The catechists are using those materials as well as families at home. The Flocknotes for our Sunday classes are still going out with gospel-centered materials. We are still sending the Pre-K letters each month and continue to add participants each month.
- b. **Youth Group Report (information) - Linea** - Youth Group took a break over Christmas and New Year's. They start back up this Sunday (1/10/21). Linea sent out a note and gift card to the YG members to re-energize them for this semester. She is still awaiting more information on mission trips. They are currently registered for Great Falls, but the place and time hasn't been fully established. Linea is worried that Great Falls will not work. The Westside and Yakima are options, but the group didn't seem excited about those options due to high Covid numbers. Steubenville is now planned for the last weekend of July (7/30 - 8/1). They might not be able to do a mission trip, but Steubenville is a possibility. This would be a good way to see our seniors off.
- c. **Disciples in Dialogue (information) - Father Steve & Theresa** - D in D will begin at the end of the month - *Fratelli Tutti*, the Pope's encyclical. It deals with economics, fraternity and social friendship. D in D will take place via Zoom on Thursday evenings (3 sessions: 1/28, 2/4, 2/11). The link will be sent out as we get closer to the sessions. Theresa suggested posing some questions ahead of time to get people thinking/prepared for discussion prior to the discussion. Father says that the document is accessible and fairly easy to read. Jane asked if the document is available online and Father confirmed that it is. Theresa suggested downloading the encyclical from the usccb.org or purchasing through Amazon. Father has numerous articles about the document and that would help people get an overview.
- d. **March Faith Formation Report to Pastoral Council (information) - Theresa** - Dave will attend the Pastoral Council meeting in March.
- e. **In-person Faith Formation Classes for Spring (discussion)- Theresa** - There was discussion about the possibility of going back to in-person Faith Formation. The Pullman School District is starting to bring children back in-person. The board discussed the pros and cons. You have to have

teachers who are comfortable being with the students as well as giving families options to stay online. A survey will go out soon,

- f. Eucharistic Display (planning) - Theresa** - The Eucharistic Display is happening on March 13-14 (Sat & Sun). The display is in English and Spanish and presents the miracles of the Eucharist. It will be set up in the social hall and process through the classroom hallways ending at the tabernacle.
- g. Candlemas - Linda** - February the blessing of the candles. Father is going to do a blessing at 7:15am during daily mass (2/2/21). Father said people could add their candles ahead of time and then pick up later. Father said that there is a space in front of the pulpit that could accommodate the candles for blessing. Theresa shared the connection of the blessing of candles with the presentation of Jesus at the temple. She has some craft activities for families that will go with this blessing. Linda shared her tradition of the Three Kings cake and incorporating that with Candlemas. We will make sure that this information goes out to families letting them know they can get their candles blessed.

C. Closing Prayer - Dan Jinguji via recording.