

Minutes for Faith Formation Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 7pm via Zoom

Attended by: Tammy Barry, Linda Heidenreich, Jane Hommel, Linea Johnson, Wendy McCann, Jon Parrish, Theresa Paul, Dave Schneider, Penny Zimmerman, Anna Park

Call to Prayer (pause) Opening Prayer - Tammy Barry Closing Prayer - Dave Schneider

- a. **Faith Formation Report (information) - Theresa** - We are in our last month of Zoom classes. The children continue to enjoy the discussion and activities. It has been a very successful option. The Pullman community churches have decided not to do VBS, so Theresa has been trying to think of ways to connect with the children in the summer. She has started to plan for mini-VBS days (one day/summer month). This would be held in the parish yard and the first opportunity could be on Pentecost Sunday with support from our Youth Group members. Theresa and Linea have been invited to be a part of the Laudato Si Disciples. (Laudato Si is Pope Francis' message about caring for the earth). Father shared that it is a pro-life message not just a pro-environment message. There is a parish group called the Brothers and Sisters of Laudato Si.
We are going through boxes of books that have been donated to the parish, and since we do not have enough room and/or duplicates, there is a table in the social hall with these books. They are free and Theresa encourages everyone to check out these Catholic books.
- b. **Youth Group Report (information) - Linea** - Youth Group is going well with between 8-10 logging in. Palm Sunday was the lowest attendance since Christmas. With the weather getting better, Linea is hoping for an in-person meeting at the church in the outdoor gathering space. She will send out an email to the parents asking about interest. Looking to have youth grouped by class and hoping to continue to meet through May. CMD (Center for Ministry Development) did pass mission trips off to a new company and they will honor the payment credit that we have, but most trips are on the east coast. Linea is waiting to see if they are going to pick up a west coast option. Steubenville is cancelled this year. She is awaiting a decision on the deposit for this event. She is hoping for a local community service project during July.
- c. **Donation to start RE/FF fund in Dan's name (discussion/planning) - Anna** - Thank you note was sent thanking for the donation as well as a notification to the Jinguji family. We will promote the memorial fund. Linea suggested it be called the Children's Ministry Fund supporting: play, choir, extracurricular, scholarships, etc. Tammy suggested defining it broadly, but starting with the play and choir as the first things to receive the funds. All the board members are in agreement to define broadly. Linea will create the definition/write up for the fund.
- d. **Eucharistic Display (feedback) - Theresa** - The two-day display had about 50 attendees from more than just our parish. Set up and take down was relatively easy. Adoration at the end was a very positive experience.
- e. **Stations of the Cross (feedback) - Theresa** - The Stations have had 122 views. Father said that people have been coming back steadily to watch these. Theresa appreciated that these were connected with Sacred Heart. Another DRE shared a Stations of Resurrection with Theresa. There is prayer, scripture and a few lines of reflection. Linda asked if the parish would be interested in continuing with the recorded version to share with the elders of the parish. Father has an idea of doing this for the rosary (partnering with other Palouse churches). Father suggested we use our own art for the rosary like we did for the stations. There is good support for doing these and getting them completed. Looking to continue this in the future.
- f. **Sacrament Mass (planning) - Theresa** - April 17th! The bishop will celebrate two outdoor masses (10 am & 12 pm) for our First Communicants and Confirmation children. It will be held outside. Pray for good weather!

- g. Other** - Theresa thanked Father Steve for a version of the Good Friday gospel that was suitable for children. That was something Dan and Father had worked on last year. Theresa asked about nominations for FF Board members. Father asked if the FF Board members are able to do a second term. Father would like our boards to be stable due to the pandemic and asked those who have served or were at the end of their term, to please stay on. Those members (Penny, Linda and Tammy) Penny said she couldn't commit to three more years, but one - thank you, Penny! Dave will take over as president for Linda so she can rotate off and serve as a member. Lentil Fest August 20-21. Dave is superb at organizing Lentil Fest, so he will head this up for us again - thank you, Dave! Penny has ideas for face painting materials. Penny asked if we had an extra board member. Next month, we need to discuss who can fill Dan's spot/accepting a nominee for this position. Next meeting, Tuesday, May 4 at 7 pm.