

Minutes for Faith Formation Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 7 pm via Zoom

Attended by: Andersen Barry, Tammy Barry, Linda Heidenreich, Jane Hommel, Linea Johnson, Betty Klover, Theresa Paul, Dave Schneider, Penny Zimmerman, Anna Park

- A. Call to Prayer(pause) Opening Prayer-Penny Zimmerman Closing Prayer-Linda Heidenreich
- B. Agenda items according to each category:
 - a. **Faith Formation Report (information) - Theresa** - Last month, Theresa and Linea met with Bill Engels who will be liaison for the Caring for God's Creation (Laudato Si) project with Faith Formation. As part of the project (caring for the Earth), there will be a bicycle rack installed on the church campus with the exact location to be determined. There are also plans for a Ride Your Bike to Church weekend. The first weekend of June is the tentative date. Linea said that people would be able to share their routes to church (scenic, shortest, safest, etc). Participants could also park and ride part of the way to more easily navigate the hills. Jane is looking into which bike rack is appropriate for our campus. Linda found a good safety prayer for bike riders and sent it to the board. The biking to church activity is a fun opportunity to inform the parish on how we can care for God's creation by taking more environmentally friendly transportation. Catechists will incorporate these Caring for God's Creation themes into their lessons.
 - b. Families will be offered a two-hour minicamp three times during the summer (Pentecost will be the first - 5/23/21 from 1-3pm). Activities to include: crafts, games, story time, snack with rotation of small groups to each station. Families will be asked to RSVP. There will be a nap time option for the preschoolers (30-minute minicamp) in between the Masses. The second camp in June will be the theme of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. August theme will be water and Jesus being our anchor.
 - c. Theresa is looking for suggestions for adding a member to the RCIA team. There are some adults that are inquiring about our RCIA process and we are hoping to get started with that in September.
 - d. **Youth Group Report (information) - Linea** - YG is going well and meets in-person on Wednesdays on the parish lawn. 15 youth were at the most recent meeting. It has been really nice to see people in person. Activities include: playing games, visiting and time for prayer. Andersen shared that the Wednesdays are fun and seeing each other in person at YG is nice. Zooms on Sunday night still have faith-based learning components. Will continue those until it is safe for everyone to come back to in person. Linea is considering some summer programming with Zoom and possibly meeting in person for Kamiak hikes or Sunnyside disc golf. She is also still looking into community service opportunities with some local options at the parish and looking into a more outward facing project for next year. There will be a middle school camp through the diocese in Shoshone (current 6th-current 8th and high school as leaders). Linea will have information on this to hand out and mail to families.
 - e. **Update on Former Nursery Room (information) - Theresa** - The new FF supply room has had the carpet removed (thank you Mark Thomas) and cleaning the concrete floor is next. Shelves will then go in and items will be moved from the current supply room to those shelves.
 - f. **Internet update** - Kurt Zimmerman and David Whelchel have worked on the internet to increase its reach for our parish. Penny shared that they are working on the social hall area.

It is going to be very nice to have the internet reach all our areas of the parish. We appreciate all their hard work.

- g. Advertising Dan's Memorial Fund (information & feedback) - Linea** A blurb was added to the parish bulletin outlining what the fund is and for. It has been added to the parish website, so money can be donated there. Checks are accepted as well. Penny said the advertisement of the fund in the bulletin is really well done.
- h. Sacrament Mass (feedback) - Theresa** We had two very successful Masses. Theresa has suggested that in the future, the Bishop comes before Mass and sits with the children to talk and pray with them, so they are more relaxed and comfortable with him during the Mass. Linda shared that being outdoors was very nice and took some of the pressure off of the children. The Bishop seemed to enjoy the Masses and was very relaxed.
- i. Faith Formation Board Nominations (discussion) - Theresa - Due May 14.** Last month we discussed needing one more person on the board. Pastoral Council and Caritas are also looking for board members. Nominations can be anonymous unless it is a self-nomination. These are due May 14.
- j. Other** - Andersen will be greatly missed at YG and on our board! Congratulations on graduation - We are super proud and excited for you!