

## FAITH FORMATION MINUTES JULY 26, 2019

The meeting was held at the home of Kathy Fitch due to a funeral at the church and another meeting in the church office conference room.

Opening prayer was led by Sharon Helm, a reflection on the Lord's Prayer from the book "*A Well Built Faith: A Catholic's Guide to Knowing and Sharing What We Believe.*"

Sharon welcomed those present in addition to herself--Kathy Fitch, Kathy Donley and Lee Glowacki-- and remarked that we will be having some formation each month. The "*Living Faith*" reflection that morning was based on the sower and the seed and emphasized that we must nurture the soil before it is ready to receive the seed. We concluded that means we must all be strong in our faith in order to spread the word. Therefore we will be using the book "*A Well Built Faith*" at our meetings. Sharon will order 10 copies of the book for the committee with one going to the library. At this meeting, a handout of some words used in Faith Formation was discussed.

### **Old Business:**

Kathy Maynard sent a report of the Discovering Christ Reunion held July 16. There were 25 present. Four new facilitators were recruited. There are 5 homes and 8 facilitators. With 2 facilitators at each home, it means we still need 2 more facilitators. Registration will take place the weekend of August 10-11 with a Christ Life video presentation.

Sharon reported that RCIA Inquiry sessions will be open to all parishioners and will be advertised in the bulletin and newspaper. It will also be on the church calendar. It will be labeled "Answering Your Catholic Questions". Sessions begin Sept. 10, 9 a.m. with the topic "What Is Faith?" and will include discussion and the movie "*A Question of Faith.*"

At the last meeting, Brenda Starr brought up the idea of ordering a small book entitled "Letter to a Suffering Church" by Bishop Robert Barron. The cost is \$1.00 each. Sharon will talk with Jack about obtaining the book for Parish Council to enable us to handle questions.

At the last meeting we also began a discussion on evaluating our presentations. With so few attendees at this meeting we decided to table it to the next meeting.

Discussion about the parish mission took place. The point was made that a 3 or 4 day event would probably not be well attended. Members preferred seeing short half-day presentations like the one done by Sr. Anna Marie on the new Marian Feast Day. One topic suggested was "The Strength of Catholicism in Our Changing Times." Remarks also included having to find local speakers rather than bringing someone in from a great

distance and the fact that it would cost less since we would not have to provide housing, meals and travel expenses for someone from out of state.

**New Business:**

Sharon reported that Mary Connell is the new Dynamic Catholic representative for the parish. She will be receiving books from them and would like to start book discussions. She's asking Faith Formation to distribute the books at Masses when they come in and will be looking for leaders for the discussions. Mary Wiczorek has offered to organize some discussions. Sharon will pass that name on to Mary.

Along with the committee entering into formation, it was decided that we would also include the parish. Beginning in September, there will be a bulletin insert about a topic related to our faith with a reflection question for readers to contemplate.

Sharon mentioned that a men's retreat for all men of the parish is being planned for this fall. It will be a half-day beginning with with Mass in the morning and going to lunch time.

Lee volunteered to lead opening prayer at the next meeting which will be held on Friday, Sept. 20 at 9 a.m.in the parish library unless there is a funeral in which case we will decide on another location.

Closing prayer was led by Sharon.