Minutes

Faith Formation Commission Meeting

11/16/2021

The Faith Formation Commission has as its mission of setting goals and objectives to meet the educational needs of the total parish community, and the monitoring and evaluation of programs designed to implement these goals and objectives. This “cradle to the grave” approach assures that all members of the parish are served educationally according to their needs during the entire course of their lives. The role of the Faith Formation Commission at St. John’s is:

* Identify the spiritual-growth needs of all parish members
* Provide opportunities for spiritual growth of parishioners through retreats, days of renewal, preparation of the reception of the sacraments, small study/prayer groups, etc.

**Attendance**

Present: Linda H., Natalie K., Heidi R., Katlyn H., Bridget C., Father Andrew, Julie (Parish Council), Jessica (2nd grade catechist)

Absent: De W., Allison N., Katie H.

**Opening Prayer and faith sharing**

**De’s report:**

No questions or concerns with De’s report

**Linda’s report:**

No questions or concerns with Linda’s report

**Agenda Items:**

**-**2nd grade catechist, Jessica, shared her thoughts about the Pflaum curriculum. She finds the materials very useful, user friendly and provides a great insight into the gospel readings.

-Jessica likes having the list of prayers that we provided and has been implementing them.

-A concern with the Pflaum material is that is does not cover the aspects of Mass and with 2nd graders preparing for First Communion that is an aspect that is needed.

-Another concern is that there are several students who do not attend Mass, so they do not know the aspects of Mass so Jessica is having a hard time incorporating that into her teachings with the limited time provided.

 a. One suggestion to help this concern is invite all 2nd grade students to attend Mass during children’s Mass with their families or reserve a pew for 2nd graders to sit with their catechist and another adult so Mass can be observed for those who may not attend on a regular basis. This could happen once per month.

 b. Linda brought up the idea to “teach Mass” during the parent meeting.

-Another thing brought up is incorporating songs from Mass during faith formation.

**Additional items of discussion:**

-TVs were brought up as an area of need since more catechists want to use the FORMED site. Julie from Parish Council was going to bring that up at their next Council meeting.

**Father Andrew’s comments:**

**-**Father came to the meeting as we were ending so no comments were provided.

**Date of next meeting:**

Tuesday, December 21st at 6:30pm

**Minutes recorded by:** Katlyn Henik