Minutes

Faith Formation Commission Meeting

4/19/22

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., Katlyn H., Bridget C., Katie H., De W. Denise B (parish council)

Absent: Father Andrew., Allison N. Heidi R

**Opening Prayer and faith sharing**

**De’s report:**

* De sought feedback on Senior Blessing and a reception for seniors
* Shared that in the past the students had received a rose and a Bible at graduation. De will look into possible options for a small graduation gift
* Faith Formation likes the idea of reception on May 22nd in lieu of a senior brunch

**Linda’s report:**

* Bread of Life Day is now Jesus Day and the bread is prebaked for students, Linda feels that it is working well

**Agenda Items:**

* Reviewed Faith Formation mission and the cradle to grave approach
* Faith Formation Fees
  + Benton suggested that a flat fee for Faith Formation rather than a graduated scale
  + Faith Formation budget/Fee money goes to staff salary, building costs, insurance, textbooks, furniture and equipment
  + Faith Formation likes that you pay when registering for Faith Formation and a deadline in place
  + Faith Formation suggests having a $300 per family maximum for fees for families with more than 4 children
* Possible TV donation
  + Natalie has a TV at home to look at possibly donating
  + Father said that a TV and dvd player, printer/copier, projector, should be purchased yet this year
* Father is going advertise the positions through Solon and Anamosa
  + At this point he would like the job to remain as both bookkeeper and secretary
* Preschool Curriculum
  + Father would like it to transition to a program similar to Springville
  + Could still use the materials and would only need to order 1 for the catechist
  + We would lose the registration fees for preschool having it open to any attendees
  + Linda will need to ask Saint Isadore/ArchDiocese how they handle the liability of opening it open without registration
* Before Mass Minute topics
  + Catholic 101 with basic topics
* Faith Formation Elections
  + Allison said she is not running again
  + Natalie will run again
  + We will need 3 people for our Faith Formation Committee

**Additional items of discussion:**

* Natalie shared a book: Letters to Myself as a book for summer study with women’s group

**Date of next meeting: May 17, 6:30 p.m.**

**Minutes recorded by:** Bridget Curtis