

Faith Formation Commission Minutes

March 16, 2016

- Opened with Prayer at 6:05 PM
- In attendance were Nancy Phillips (chair), Amalia Martin, Andrea Guenter, David Sullivan, Linda Haptonstall, Brigette Blair, Tom Gray.
- February minutes approved.

REPORTS

- Nancy's report: Linda reported that the faith formation events held over Lent were a good start and worthwhile. Most parishes do a faith formation once a month. We should look at a monthly event on Wednesdays. Turnout for the St. James Cathedral pilgrimage mass was greater than expected. We moved from the chapel to the nave to accommodate the larger numbers. The pilgrimage was well received by the attendees.
- Pastoral council report (Brigette): Father Jim and Linda attended the religious education conference in Anaheim, CA. St. Brendan school has completed accreditation. Friday night multigenerational faith formation events for Spanish-speaking parishioners is going well. There will be two ponies for Spanish Palm Sunday mass. Living stations of the cross on March 18.

OLD BUSINESS

- We will revise existing Pastoral Council and Peace and Justice Commission mission statements for Faith Formation. David will provide an initial draft for review next meeting.
- Tom suggested that we use the parish goals, posted on the narthex walls, as a guideline for our mission statement for faith formation. The suggestion was agreed upon by all present.
- Roles of chairperson: Member of commission for 1 year before serving as chair, limit of 2 consecutive years before they must step down and a new chair is discerned.
- Role of secretary: Record minutes of commission meetings and have minutes available 1 week before the next meeting.
- Commission members: No more than 2 unexcused absences from commission meetings allowed per year.
- These definitions/responsibilities will be incorporated into the mission statement.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ministry fair April 23-24.
- People manning ministry fair table: Saturday 5:00 (Nancy), Sunday 8:00 (Andrea), Sunday 10:00 (David), Sunday 12:00 (Amalia).
- We need to actively recruit new members for the commission.
- Andrea will offer opening prayer for next meeting April 20, 6:00 PM.
- Meeting closed with prayer at 7:02 PM.