

# Faith Formation Commission Minutes

## April 20, 2016

- Opened with Prayer by Andrea at 6:02 PM
- In attendance were Nancy Phillips (chair), Andrea Guentert, David Sullivan, Linda Haptonstall (staff), Brigitte Blair (pastoral council), Tom Gray.
- March minutes approved.

### CHAIR REPORT (NANCY)

- Suggested a dinner this summer that allows for an extended meeting time with an opportunity for prayer, sharing, and reflection by the commission.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL REPORT (BRIGETTE)

- Triduum went well. Much positive feedback from the parish.
- Larry Pomada will speak about time and talents for the upcoming ministry fair.
- Greg van Hollebeck will speak about the Annual Catholic Appeal.
- Blue mass for first responders to be held on Monday, May 9 and 7:00 PM.
- The Hispanic prayer groups will resume meeting on Fridays in May. They are considering what to do for Fall. The Hispanic prayer group is having a good effect towards deeper bonding. The Hispanic youth group is very active.
- The Hispanic group will continue catechesis on the seven sacraments one Friday a month.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Ministry fair flyer needed. We'll use the faith formation statement by the archdiocese as the basis. 50 copies needed.
- Knights of Columbus garage sale went well. With more that \$2,000 raised. Unsold items were donated to St. Vincent de Paul.
- Worked on the commission's mission statement. David provided an initial draft for review.
- Reviewed St. Brendan parish mission statement to identify which areas are impacted by faith formation.
- Brigitte read out the faith formation statement from the St. Brendan 5-year plan.
- Discussed the difficulties and issues involved in youth and family catechesis for Spanish and English-speaking parishioners.
- Discussed the goals and objectives of the commission,

- Action items: All members to read through the initial draft of the commission mission statement. David to replace the purpose statement in the draft with the faith formation purpose statement from the St. Brendan 5-year plan.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Spanish language catechesis will continue with one family catechesis event per month after Easter.
- Next commission meeting is May 18, 2016 at 6:00 PM.
- Closed with prayer at 7:11 PM.