

Faith Formation Commission Meeting
Thursday, April 4, 2019, 7:00pm

Present: David Heimann, Libby Hurdelbrink, Laura Jeurgens, Clark McCain, Megan Storti
Note-taker: Megan Storti

1. Prayer and Welcome
2. Update on Parish Structure
 - a. Open Forum - We will be taking notes at this and future meetings which will then be posted on the parish website.
 - b. Pastoral Letter - Inviting a member of the Faith Formation Commission to participate in writing the pastoral letter for a bulletin, encouraging all commissions to do so, in order to hear voices from other areas of parish leadership.
 - Laura Jeurgens will be writing about Scout Sunday, May 19. Letter is due May 13.
 - c. Worship Commission - ongoing delay.
 - Waiting on the appointment of an Associate Pastor.
 - d. 125th Committee
 - (125th) A Committee will be appointed for 125th Anniversary preparations, in lieu of the Parish Council
 - Idea for 125th celebration: Roller skating party in gymnasium before the floor is refinished (summer?)
 - Taking into consideration how the 125th celebration impacts our Faith Formation goals - how do we keep this in mind?
 - Architecture Tour of the new church
 - Passport for parishioners to have stamped at each activity
 - History of our the Catholic Church in the past 125 years
 - Keep in mind for One Book, One Parish
3. Ongoing ministries:
 - a. Podcast - listening was up this week
 - Possibility of doing a "Book Club" conversation for those who would be interested in talking about the book so far?
 - Extending the podcast to a 125th anniversary session - recording memories of Saint Andrew Church and School (suggestions to speak to Michelle Frank and Jill Lewis)
 - b. Parish Mission
 - Suggested including a map for the Parish Mission, to help parishioners find Social Hall at Saint Benedict
 - c. Youth Ministry
 - Feed My Starving Children trip is happening April 24th
 - Sharing upcoming contemporary movies with teens who might be interested: "Unplanned," "Mary Magdalene"
 - Northside Kairos plans shared with group - teen leadership is forming, beginning to be seeking participants.
4. Parish Road Trip/Parish Pilgrimage - June 2nd to Shrine of St Therese of Lisieux
 - Check about online sign-up
 - Souvenir for pilgrims - T-shirt? Drawstring tote?
 - Blessing for pilgrims before they leave, by presider of 10am mass
5. Theology on Tap
 - Who is involved? Saint Benedict, Queen of Angels, Saint Matthias
 - Suggested Speaker: Chelsea Piper

6. One Book, One Parish
 - Idea to coordinate with 125th anniversary - Parishioners help write book from October to Easter, about ministries and activities at Saint Andrew.
 - Published for Summer 2020
 - Half book/half journal
 - Possibility of making it available as an E-book?
7. Connecting Saint Andrew - an opportunity for parishioners to foster fellowship, through gatherings with a featured speaker on a topic of interest, with light refreshments.
 - What is the faith formation component of this group?
 - Is this a Networking event? Some discussion was had about the nature of the gathering, whether it is primarily social or a way for people to build business connections as well.
 - Structure: Ice breaker; how do we get people connected?
8. Laura mentioned it is notable that school families cannot receive credit for volunteer hours at church. Something to look into.
9. Evening Takeaways
 - Libby: Excited about the structure of the next One Book, One Parish
 - Lauren: Looking forward to writing the Pastoral Letter
 - Megan: Likes the way she sees faith is growing in Saint Andrew
 - Clark: Glad to hear about everything that is going on.