

Faith Formation Minutes
St. Bruno and St. Paul Joint Meeting
June 6, 2016

Attendance: Cindy Beauchamp, Rita Borowski, Sarah Daszczuk, Louise Diodato (Secretary), Karen Farrell, Amy Golden, Mary Kral, Marya McGrath, Jean Warren (Chair)
Excused: Darrell Beauchamp, Lisa Bixby

Jean called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and offered a prayer.

Strategic Planning: FF6. Sarah and Mary presented the results of the Strategic Plan Faith Formation 6 to the Pastoral and Financial Councils of St. Bruno and St. Paul on May 17, 2016. The presentation was well received and there were no questions. This Strategic Plan is now considered closed; the staff and the Faith Formation Committee may now proceed with implementing their plans.

Pastoral Council report – Cindy

St. Paul PC identified five people for discernment on the 2016/17 Pastoral Council. Four were needed and four accepted.

Pastoral Council report – Louise

St. Bruno PC identified three people for discernment on the 2016/17 Pastoral Council. Three were needed and three accepted.

Child Ministry – Amy and Karen

TotusTuus is cancelled due to the TotusTuus organization being unable to find enough staff ministers to run the program in the Archdiocese this summer. It is too late to develop a new program. However, St. Bruno and St. Paul parents can register their children at other parishes' summer programs.

The curriculum program for Family Program/Family Session will be "Heroes and Saints," focusing on the virtues.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd training has fifteen registered so far and is completely self-funded.

Amy is attempting to identify families in the parish who have not participated in religious education. She created mailing labels of parents who have children four to sixteen years old. She sent a mailing to every family who participated last year, and every family with children 4-16 years old.

Youth Ministry – Sarah

Seventy-four youth were confirmed at the Mass on May 6th. Six hundred sixty-eight guests attended.

Two mission trips are organized: one to Milwaukee's inner city and one to a Steubenville Youth Conference. Fund raisers for the Milwaukee trip will cover about half the cost, but we have double the number of youth participating from last year: 20 for 2016. Eleven youth have registered for Steubenville.

The curriculum for the school year will be the same at both parishes. Families have the choices of attending Sunday morning at St. Bruno or Sunday evening at St. Paul.

A Freshman High School retreat will be at St. Paul and a Sophomore retreat will be at St. Bruno.

Sarah will evaluate the Youth Group held on Wednesday nights. She would like to alternate Bible Study with some sort of social event.

Adult Ministry – Mary

Mary is investigating the possibility of a day-long retreat for adults.

Parent sessions are offered during the High School Faith Formation classes.

Mary is planning an Adult session each month at both parishes for parents, but any adult may attend.

These will be announced in both parish Bulletins.

St. Paul Pastoral Council has scheduled an overnight retreat September 9-10 at the Schoenstatt Retreat Center with Rich Herder as facilitator. St. Bruno hopes to schedule theirs at their June 28 meeting.

Cluster Director – Rita

In the past, Faith Formation teacher-volunteers didn't pay tuition if one of the volunteer's children participated in catechism classes. This practice must stop. There are serious tax implications for the Parish and the volunteer. See Goal 2.

General

The Committee developed its goals for the coming year:

1. Increase membership in the Faith Formation Committee by making this a process every year.

Write and publish a blurb in both parish Bulletins. Jean will contact the office staff and have it posted on web sites of both parishes.

Terms for new members will be September to August.

Identify parishioners for membership in the Faith Formation Committee.

Invite candidates to the August or September meetings. Solidify membership by the October meeting.

Follow up with Stewardship Committee at St. Paul: they have a survey to identify volunteers.

Discern committee Chair and Secretary at September meeting. Staff should not be chair or secretary.

2. Develop and implement the role and number of volunteers in Faith Formation by February 2017.

We need more catechism teacher-volunteers.

The curriculum has been developed by staff.

3. Evaluate and identify parish mission opportunities in 2017-18 by December 2016.

Request budget early 2017.

Additional goals might be added due to the Pastoral Council goals.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.

The next meeting is August 1st, 2016, 6:30pm at St. Paul

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Diodato