

St. Paul Faith Formation meeting minutes 8/1/16

Goals reviewed, suggestion to list them monthly on the agenda in addition to the FF definition

Pastoral Council Report – Welcome to Scott Vandenhouten.

Both St. Paul, Cindy Beauchamp and St. Bruno, Scott Vandenhouten said at their last Pastoral Council meetings there was discernment of officers and liaisons, discussion of what we expect of a pastor, speaker will attend a future meeting to discuss the role of Pastoral Council. St. Paul also included discussion of possible revision of mission statement.

Child Ministry

- Week of training for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at St. Paul in July. St. Paul has two atriums; St. Bruno will build up this program in the coming year for a Fall 2017 launch, gathering materials, practice some of the *works* in the school, Faith Formation classes on a limited basis.
- Programs are similar but participants going cross parish is not scheduled for this year, goal for next year in order to meet the needs of the people in the parish cluster. There are some logistics to work through such as fees. Example: difference in high school fees between St. Paul and St. Bruno had to do with when the retreat fee was collected (up front or at the event). In Child/Family Ministry, Karen and Amy are collaborating more than ever this year in the areas of curriculum and programming.
- More registrations are needed.
- More catechists are needed on Tuesday evenings in particular. There are more high school volunteers than adult volunteers.

Youth Ministry

- Thank you to Sarah for her service and enthusiasm in the position of High School Ministry. We wish her well in her new position effective August 20. The position has been posted. Please pray for whomever God is calling to be here in the position of Youth Minister.
- Mission trip, Alive in You, 20 participants for one week in July, rich experience, well run. Strong Catholic identity, daily mass and speaker, organized well, good service opportunities working WITH PEOPLE (disabled adults, homeless shelter) Students will be scheduled to speak at masses about the mission trip to acknowledge the mission shares pledged by parishioners. Students will write thank you letters.
- Steubenville Youth Conference, 9 participants, 1 weekend in July. Scheduled very close to mission trip which may have interfered with attendance.
- THREE students did participated in both opportunities.
- Currently participation in high school program is cross parish, two times to choose from (Sunday AM or Sunday PM). There are a couple of students registered in their cluster parish not their home parish. Students can only be enrolled in one all year, no back and forth from one session to the next (liability/attendance issue, also consistency in small group relationships needs to be maintained).
- Change in schedule for St. Bruno students this year. Four weeks in class, four weeks off from class.
- 9th grade retreat originally scheduled on site in August will be replaced by attendance at the WI Catholic Youth Rally in March.
- Sarah is working through her TO DO list so that when classes begin the details will be in place (ie finalizing catechists, creating catechist curriculum binders, etc.)

Adult Ministry

- Mercy Retreat not yet set, waiting for Pastoral Councils to set their retreats
- Change this year for Adult Formation opportunities. Adding an adult hour one Sunday/month 9-10:15am at St. Bruno. St. Paul two Sunday/month (in conjunction with Family Program) No childcare. Free will offering will be accepted to help cover the costs of speakers. Schedule will be published. The hope is for more participation and that it will not adversely affect Family Program participation at St Paul since the speaker fees are from the Family Program budget. If there is an issue, there is the option to visit with Finance Council.
- Mass and Evangelization Seminar at the Archdiocese September 30 or October 1. Committee members are also invited. Many members of both staffs will attend September 30.

Miscellaneous

- Joe Senglaub will be ordained to the Diaconate on September 10. His first mass of thanksgiving will be at St Bruno at 4pm mass. A small reception is being organized by Michelle Vandenhouten.
- Future agenda item, Lisa Bixby: Community of Hope training in the Stephen Ministry, a ministry of companionship. May be a Human Concerns item. Lisa will forward information to Mary Kral/HC at St. Paul to be shared with St. Bruno /HC if applicable.

Discussion of interview team for Youth Minister hire. Need a team to review applications, first and second round of interviews. Discussion of the difference between a Personnel Committee and an Interview Team. Team to include some form of representation from Councils, Faith Formation team, catechists, parents, students.

Scott concluded the discussion with recognition of and gratitude from the parish and the Councils for Sarah's efforts in Youth Ministry.

Next meeting is August 29 (due to Labor Day holiday) at St. Bruno at 6:30 pm.