

January 12, 2021

FFC Meeting Minutes

Parish Council Overview:

Rick Durig:

- Financials are much improved! Were down 4% and now up 5% from budget.
- Retreat: Feb 27th. Agenda being finalized. Mass at 8AM. Then meeting 9-10:30AM to talk about Discipleship. Zoom call will run in parallel as well. Will explore how to foster our relationship with Christ.

Fr. Tony:

- Each of us is called to be a disciple. Jesus' disciples left everything they had to do this. "Putting out into the deep": We can go deeper if we let God be in control. It's a radical call for all of us. Fr. Tony plans to expand on this at the retreat.
- The agenda is the Gospel and how it can guide us to bigger changes in our lives.
- COVID updates: Now can go up to 50% capacity for Mass, but still need to work to keep 6' social distancing. Getting closer to being able to choose what we want to open or not with safety in mind. There have been increases in attendance with the expanded Mass options.
- Christmas Mass: 1100 people overall attende. 3000 streams.
- Airflow system question: We did get a grant for \$10,000 and have installed this. Plan is to advertise this in the bulletin soon.
- Adoration Hours expanded: No, not at this time unless confident we can cover these hours. Traditionally it has been hard to fill the dinner hours.

FFC Meeting (Attended by Terri, Dan, Pat, Julie, Ron, Jen, Nick, & Danny all via Zoom)

Welcome Danny Paulus!

- Grew up in SJN parrish. Helped with Youth Ministry after Confirmation by way of Summer Stretch, Camp Sonlight, Middle School and High School Clubs for around a decade. Degree in Biology at ISU with first post college job at the MOA Aquarium. Called then back to the Ministry at St. Casimir in St. Paul which is a very small parish.
- Danny's First month is going well. Confirmation retreats have moved to virtual.

Ministry Fair:

- Sharon McGinnis wondering about the possibility of this occurring. This has been a primary vehicle for recruiting and retaining catechists. This would be just Faith Formation and we would have time to map out what this could look like. May/June would be the time frame for it to occur. Could get pushed to later in summer depending on the pandemic. Blg question is when will people feel comfortable getting back together? How FF will look in Fall may be too unknown to hold ministry fair in Spring.

Communication:

- A video message would be great to add to the website for FF programs. Could give a glimpse of programs, prep, materials, etc to a potential catechist. Would be more than you can click and find on the website. One barrier for people to volunteer is understanding what is required for prep.
- Is there someone from the communication committee who could assist? Kayla?
- Suggestion was made to post the curriculum materials so that families have a visual on that. Would be good to get those back on the site.

Program and Sacrament Updates:

- First Reconciliation will occur in a month. Each candidate will sign up for a time with the priest most likely with their family.
- Confirmation will not be at the Cathedral and instead at SJN like last year due to pandemic.
- Starting with the Jan 31st MS group, Youth Formation will be back in person.
- First Eucharist plans are being discussed.
- Sunday School and Family Formation are back by the end of month as well. There is still an at-home option.
- Bible Study will be back to Fall Format as well (Zoom or on-site),

Faith Formation Registration Options:

- Pat and staff are looking at platform options. One site would allow registration from within our parish database, but not all of the pieces are connected yet. Our backup is our current platform. There is a cost difference between the 2. The new option would be less expensive, but may have too much administrative extra work.
- Faith Formation Registration has typically been in July the past few years.

Liaison Updates

- Please follow up with your staff member to check in at least a week prior to the meeting. Discuss highlights and concerns and then send a brief report to our group.
- Assignments as of our November Meeting
 - Terri: Danny
 - Julie: Theresa R.
 - Dan: Theresa B.
 - Jen: Tonya
 - Nick: Pat

Our next meeting will be March 9th.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Sherman