



MEETING DETAILS

Description: Faith Formation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: November 9, 2021

Time: 7-9PM

Location: SJN Social Hall

Chair: Nick Esch

Members

- **Present: Nick Esch, Dan Wahl, Terri Wong, Pat Howard, Jen Sherman**
 - **PPC Liaisons: Mickey Custodio & Jeff Ritacco**
 - **Absent: NA**
 - **Recorder: Minutes submitted by Jen Sherman, Secretary**
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OPENING ACTIVITIES

- **Opening Prayer: Nick Esch**
- **Review/Approve previous minutes: NA**
- **Overall Committee Mission/Purpose: *Forming disciples of Jesus Christ through lifelong formation centered on the Word of God, the Sacraments, and the Life of the Church.***

Parish Pastoral Council Update:*(given by liaison – put liaison’s name here)*

- *NA for this meeting*

Agenda Items

FFC Update (Pat)

- Teresa R is officially on leave. Her tasks are being divided up by the FF team. Her position has been re-posted. Suggestions were offered as to additional places to post the listing if the Diocesan route is not fruitful. It is a full-time position for K-5 Family Formation, VBS, and First Reconciliation/First Eucharist prep.
- Registration Numbers: 460 total in Faith Formation programs (29 Sunday School, 211 Family Formation, 220 Youth Formation). 80 Confirmands. 76 registered for First Reconciliation/First Eucharist.
- 6:30 Youth Formation catechist needs have been filled! Subs are always appreciated though.
- Adult Formation:
 - Synod Groups have wrapped up. Final letter from the Archbishop will come in a year. Thank you Pat for undergoing this large coordination effort!
 - Bible Study: Good numbers! More on Wednesday evening than Thursday morning for the first time ever.



Determination of 2021-2022 Officers:

- Nick Esch, Chair
- Terri Wong, Vice Chair
- Jen Sherman, Secretary

Assignment of 2021-2022 Liaisons:

- Nick Esch: Pat Howard
- Terri Wong: Daniel Paulus
- Jen Sherman: Tonya Brost
- Dan Wahl: Theresa Burdick
- Fr. Josh: TBD

FFC Membership

- Names were offered of potential future committee members
- This stemmed it conversation surrounding how to engage parishioners in Faith Formation as a whole.
 - Encouragement of serving as a FF sub or room parent as “training wheels” to potentially foster growth into a catechist
 - Barriers to sharing the Faith as a catechist:
 - Commitment
 - Essential 3 requirement
 - Could all parents complete this as part of the kick off meetings for FF in the Fall?
 - Youth are being trained in Liturgical Ministries as part of Youth Formation this year.

How to measure FFC progress toward the PPC Goals

- 1. *As leaders, we try to exemplify the meaning of discipleship by living the Gospel and proclaiming our Catholic faith to parishioners of SJN Catholic Church.*
 - **Measurable action:** Sharing of our Faith through a mini-lesson or guided conversation each meeting.
 - **Jen** to present at January meeting
- 2. We strive to create and foster an environment for our Parrish community where all feel welcome.
 - **Measurable action:** TBD
- 3. We ensure all ministries align with our Parrish mission and meet the needs of those we serve.
 - **Measurable action:** Survey Youth (or more groups) regarding their Faith needs and our effectiveness in “meeting them where they are at”.
 - Would need to coordinate with Daniel.



“You are Living Sponges”

- Observe in conversations and in parish communication:
 - What do you see/hear/note that St. John Neumann is doing to draw people of all ages and circumstances to an active relationship with Jesus Christ and his Church – a relationship that seeks to grow particularly through what the parish continues to offer in Faith Formation?
 - Be aware of the need for (and resources available in) Liturgy, Justice & Charity, and Pastoral Care; however, our focus is the parish's strengths and gaps in Faith Formation.
 - *Note* the parish's strengths.
 - *Elaborate* on areas needing improvement, especially when solutions are clear and/or suggestions are offered.
 - **Action:** All committee members to make 3-4 observations within the SJN FF realm and be ready to report back to the group.
 - *First absorb (“Living Sponges”), then make online report.*
 - Online reporting form to ease recording and compiling our thoughts: <http://www.tinyurl.com/ff-observe>
 - Timeframe: before next meeting (January 11, 2022)

MINISTRY DISCUSSION & UPDATES

Ministry Name: *(include name person giving update)*

- *NA this meeting*

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Sharing of our Faith through a mini-lesson or guided conversation.
- Further exploring how to ensure we are meeting the needs of those we serve.
- “You Are Living Sponges” observations

Closing Prayer: Pat

Next Meeting: *Tuesday January 11th 7-9PM*