

MEETING DETAILS

Description: Family and Community Life Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: Social Hall B

Chair: Steve Chojnacki

Members

- **Present:** Norma King, Emily Hayden, Teresa Klippen, Renee Fogerty, Ted Garding, Brittany Majeski, Mickey Custodio (PPC Liaison), Wendy Ashbridge (Staff), Lisa Okoneski (Staff), Steve Chojnacki (Chair),
 - **Absent:** Lona Wacker, Bernadette Vitullo, Deb Mason
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Mickey Custodio was introduced as the PPC liaison to the committee.

Joe Keating kindly joined us for part of our meeting and asked for feedback on the Stewardship initiative and the Time and Talent Forms.

Agenda Item 1... Ministry Updates

Long Range Plan Focus Area: Parishioner Involvement, Communication

Short Term / Current Year Goal/Objective(s): Discuss current state of ministries and address any needs or concerns

- **Stewardship Initiative:**

Joe Keating asked about the Time and Talent Forms. There was concern the forms had either too many ministries listed and was overwhelming or that not every ministry was listed and therefore needed to be looked up separately in the ministry guide (on the parish website).

FCL members who helped at the Stewardship tables said the response from parishioners seemed positive. FCL members was felt the Fair was very organized, table was well laid out, and the signage was very effective.

It was discussed that in the past, the parish called all the volunteers up to the altar by ministry during one weekend of Masses and to return to as a way to acknowledge all who volunteer.

- **Adoption Mass**

This will take place during the 5:00 Mass on Saturday, November 17 with a reception to follow. Help with the reception was requested if anyone was able to help out.

- **MOMS Group**

In our continued effort to engage with the Family Life Ministries, Julie Larson, the lead of the MOMS group, was asked to visit the committee.

Membership in MOMS has been increasing and bimonthly meetings are regularly attended. Activities include simply socializing, listening to speakers, doing service in the community and church, watching videos, and praying.

It was suggested to Julie that she do a thorough job documenting all that she is doing to ease the transition when it comes time to pass on the leadership. Another suggestion was that the MOMS group try a Saturday or weekday evening event once in a while to include moms who work outside of the home during the day.

There is to be a continued effort to find ways for this group to interact with other groups that exist in the parish.

- **Young Adults Group**

This relatively new group has grown to 15 members with 8 regulars. The group does a mix of activities centered around their spiritual lives as well as social activities. Their next meeting is to be a potluck on Monday, November 19. The December get-together will be adoration.

The group continues to look for ways to connect with young adults at the parish. One idea under consideration would be sending quarterly emails to those in the age range of the group.

- **New Parishioner Welcoming**

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14. The group will be making contacts with the next set of new parishioners soon and will report back to the committee at the next meeting.

Agenda Item 2...Future Goals/Objectives

Long Range Plan Focus Area: Parishioner Involvement, Communication

Short Term / Current Year Goal/Objective(s): Brainstorm and/or plan upcoming initiatives

- **Communication**

The question was raised about how we can most effectively communicate FCL events amongst our group and/or with the parishioners at large.

As requested, Wendy and Lisa provided a sample event list that showed the dates of FCL events happening over the next month, encouraging members to stop by to help if they can.

In the past, the ministries would submit updates periodically throughout the year that would be distributed to the FCL ministries and committee. It was suggested that this practice should be revived. **(Action: Steve, Lisa, Wendy)**

- **Youth Engagement**



One of the goals for the committee this year is to more actively engage all our youth (faith formation kids, Faithful Shepherd students, high school aged, confirmed). Some need service hours and could work with various FCL ministries.

- **Donut Sunday**

The committee will be working on actively involving volunteers and ministries in sponsoring Donut Sundays as a way to increase youth participation, ministry visibility, and volunteerism. **(Action: entire committee)**

Discussions will be had with Michael Ottman, the new youth ministry staff person, to find ways to get youth involved and investigate service hour requirements. **(Action: Steve)**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 8th