

Faith Formation Minutes  
St. Bruno and St. Paul Joint Meeting  
August 24, 2015

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

Excused: Jan Schienebeck, Darrell Beauchamp

Jean called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Jean explained that for health reasons, Jan Schienebeck would not be serving on this committee for the foreseeable future. Jean agreed to carry on as the Chair for Faith Formation without a co-chair from St. Paul. Cindy will check with St. Paul Pastoral Council that this is okay.

Faith Formation's November meeting is November 2nd, which is All Souls Day. A Mass will be held at 7pm at both parishes. We decided to go ahead with our meeting at 6:30pm but we'll move to the Science Room. [update to the minutes: we will meet in the Family Room]

The Strategic Planning and Synod – Mass Education & Evangelization list has been given to Father Ralph and Father Chuck for approval. We'll discuss this at our next meeting.

#### **Parish Council report – Louise**

Louise shared the highlights of the St. Bruno Pastoral Council meeting on August 18. Liaisons have been discerned for each committee.

The joint meeting dates for committees have been approved by St. Bruno Pastoral Council. St. Paul Pastoral Council meets August 26 and, hopefully, will approve the meeting dates.

Louise reported on the settlement for abuse victims. Father Ralph wrote a Pastor's Pen for both parishes.

#### **Child Ministry – Amy and Karen**

Karen has completed the curriculum for Elementary and Middle school.

Amy is talking with Lisa Hedrick, St. Bruno's Principal, about some collaborative efforts for school and faith formation families to take part in together. The goal is to bridge the gap between school and faith formation families, and build up the parish family community.

#### **Youth Ministry – Sarah**

Sarah has a new name for the youth ministry: John 10 Youth Ministry. One web page for the curriculum for St. Bruno and St. Paul is being developed. The two high school groups will meet separately but will have the same curriculum.

Joe Senglaub from St. Bruno has volunteered to assist Sarah with Youth Ministry on days when St. Bruno youth and St. Paul youth are meeting at the same time at their parishes.

After some discussion, the committee members agreed that the families who might elect to send their children to the other parish for faith formation classes should not be charged the non-member fee. Since we are now a cluster, it was felt that this fee should be waived.

Youth group activities at St. Paul will include an invitation to St. Bruno youth.

#### **Adult Ministry – Mary**

Father Chuck asked Mary to create a lesson on Mass Education once a month. We discussed what this could be. These events could rotate between the two parishes following the St. Bruno odd and St. Paul even event calendar. These events would probably be in the evening. Mary will continue investigating this.

Sarah and Mary met with Rich Harter, the developer of Catholic ID, a faith formation curriculum for adults. Rich is eager to meet with the chairs of the two Pastoral Councils. We are only investigating this as a possible event for our adults.

## **General**

Our parishes do not have a young adult ministry (18-20 something). Fr. Chuck talked to Sarah about this. Sarah believes that successful young adult ministries should be started by young adults.

We agreed that the term Religious Education is no longer used. The correct term is Faith Formation.

## **What is Happening / Where Help IS Needed**

Amy needs a fifth grade teacher for faith formation.

Karen needs a couple of teachers for all grade levels. Karen needs help with small group leaders in all areas.

Sarah needs help with the High School Kick Off session: September 13 at St. Bruno, and September 20 at St. Paul.

Small group leaders are needed at St. Bruno Sunday evenings from 6:30 to 8pm.

The Confirmation Retreat will be October 10 and 11. Meals for 60 kids are needed.

Questions: should we cater?

Ask parents to help with food?

Suggestions?

The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

The next meeting is October 5, 6:30pm at St. Paul

Future meetings: November 2 at St. Bruno, December 7 at St. Paul

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Diodato