

Faith Formation Minutes
St. Bruno and St. Paul Joint Meeting
December 7, 2015

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

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

Excused: Marya McGrath

Strategic Planning: FF 6– Mary and Sarah

Mary and Sarah are the leads on this initiative. Amy and Karen are part of this committee. The first meeting was November 30. They identified areas to address: Some ideas generated included: Why are we Catholic and happy about it? Why are we here, what do we need? Is a Catholic “boot camp” feasible? How do we reach non-practicing Catholics? How do we encourage prayer?

Mary and Sarah hope to have two to four meetings with the goal of having a solid plan or a proposal for a plan.

Pastoral Council (St. Paul) report – Cindy

The St. Paul Pastoral Council meeting critiqued their council retreat.

There are no pencils near the suggestion box in the gathering space.

Each month, the council invites one subcommittee chair to the council meeting to present a report.

The new business managers for St. Bruno and St. Paul were introduced.

Pastoral Council (St. Bruno) report – Louise

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Mark Gould, the music director at St. Bruno has resigned. The position will not be advertised until the committee working on Mass schedules has finished its work.

A few parishioners at St. Bruno are concerned that St. Bruno is losing its identity within the cluster model. The Faith Formation committee discussed this: it is unfortunate that each parishioner does not have access to all the communication that takes place among parish staff, committees, and the priests. It is a worrying time for some parishioners at both parishes.

Child Ministry – Amy and Karen

Karen is working out some details with Totus Tuus before she has the check written.

Catechesis of the Good Shepard is receiving interest from other parishes. Karen and Amy are working together to develop this as a preschool program. The St. Bruno school principal is very excited about it.

The strategic Initiative FF5 is being worked on by Amy and Karen to involve St. Paul and St. Bruno school children and children attending public school.

Youth Ministry – Sarah

As noted last month, Sarah is putting a year delay on the mission trip for high school students to the inner city of Milwaukee. Sarah doesn't feel comfortable about some of the details. Instead, the mission trip in 2016 will be “Alive in You” in Springfield, Illinois. In addition, the high school students will be offered a “Steubenville” retreat.

Sarah is having trouble getting the youth to cross parish lines. She needs ideas

Adult Ministry – Mary

Catholic ID is moving forward with Mary and Sarah as the organizing leaders. Margaret Rhody from the Archdiocese will be the instructor. Sarah is looking for 10 to 12 parishioners from St. Bruno and St. Paul. The initial training will begin in early spring, with ten sessions.

The book Rediscover Jesus by Matthew Kelly will be distributed to parishioners. We discussed the best time to hand them out, Christmas or Lent/Easter. We decided to distribute the book to parishioners who attend the Masses the weekend before Lent, February 6/7, 2016. We agreed that a sticker should be placed on the inside cover with contact information for each parish (phone numbers and web site addresses), but not the Mass schedules, because we won't know the new schedules by February. Another set of books will be distributed for the Easter season by people who have already read the book and can recommend it.

Year of Mercy

A list of ideas for ways our parishes can celebrate the Year of Mercy was distributed. There are nine suggestions that would be the responsibility of the Faith Formation committee. A one day retreat is an immediate

possibility. Father Chuck prefers one day to offer this, not two or several dates. Mary Kral with the FF team is the leader.

Women of Bethany

This is a half day retreat to be offered at St. Paul and a full day retreat offered at St. Bruno. It was pointed out that we need to stop thinking that events should be offered once at each parish.

General

December 17 is an evening of prayer from 7pm-8pm, at St. Paul. Participants will sit in a circle for a song, a scripture reflection, and discussion about the spiritual meaning. Prayers will be offered and one decade of the Rosary will be said. John Morgen from St. Paul is the leader.

St. Paul conducts an auction in April to raise money for the school. Next meeting, Karen will explain how the auction is organized.

A number of Take 5 ideas were presented. Mary is the lead on organizing the topics and leaders.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

The next meeting is February 1, 6:30pm at St. Paul

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Diodato