

Faith Formation Minutes  
St. Bruno and St. Paul Joint Meeting  
February 1, 2016

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

Jean called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Amy led us in a prayer.

Strategic Planning: FF6

Sarah reported no new developments since last meeting. The committee tried to answer the question: What would parishioners like to see in faith formation?

The committee came up with a list: high quality education, learning opportunities that challenge parishioners, themes for different seasons of the Church, and the structure of religious education for adult and children ministries. The committee will continue to meet, and Sarah asked for prayers.

Pastoral Council report – Cindy

The St. Paul budgeting process is a month behind. The PC is working on developing goals for the new fiscal year. One potential goal would be to develop succession plans: if a staff member leaves the position, what paperwork is in place to help the next person who has the job.

Sarah would like to see the PC goals for the parish so that Faith Formation Committee and the staff involved in faith formation can begin to work on the goal.

Pastoral Council report – Louise

St. Bruno has just started the goal creating exercise. The PC has begun to ask a chair from each of the ministries to attend one PC meeting to give a report to the PC. St. Paul already does this and it seems to be valuable. The Take 5 for Lent opportunities are in place and will be posted in the Bulletin for St. Bruno and St. Paul.

Child Ministry – Amy and Karen

Karen and Amy are moving forward with Totus Tuus. A check from both parishes for \$375 will be written March 1st. If the program doesn't run, a full refund will be given back. Amy reported that the goal is for this to be self-funded with the fees charged to the families of the children attending. The college student missionaries require room and board in parishioners' homes.

Karen is writing curriculum for the second year of her program. She is participating with two other parishes.

Karen is preparing about 45 second graders for First Communion.

Youth Ministry – Sarah

Catholic ID begins February 15.

The Sophomore retreat at St. Bruno is February 19 and 20. Sarah needs five volunteers to help with meals.

Freshmen will attend the Catholic Youth Rally March 5.

Adult Ministry – Mary report by email

She is planning a one day Year of Mercy retreat in Fall 2016. We discussed several possible locations: Holy Hill, Schoenstatt Retreat Center, and Redemptorist Retreat Center. Cost will be a major factor; it must be self-funded.

General

There is a nice variety of Take 5 for Lent programs. Some are held at St. Bruno, and some at St. Paul. Parishioners from both parishes may attend either location.

Rita reviewed the goal setting process. We should have two easy goals, two medium hard goals, and one or two goals that stretch the committee and the parish. Brainstorming led to the following:

1. Vacation Bible School
2. mission trips
3. fund raisers
4. increase membership in the Faith Formation Committee,
5. increase volunteer participation in Faith Formation activities
6. sign up 50 children for Totus Tuus
7. increase opportunities for parishioners from both parishes to be together
8. Conduct a Year of Mercy retreat.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.

The next meeting is March 7, 2016, 6:30pm at St. Bruno.

**PLEASE NOTE THE TIME AND DATE WERE CHANGED AGAIN.**

Respectfully submitted, Louise Diodato