

Faith Formation Minutes
St. Bruno and St. Paul Joint Meeting
March 7, 2016

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

Excused: Darrell Beauchamp

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

The bulk of the meeting was devoted to the progress on Strategic Goal FF6: Determine long term Faith Formation program delivery. No final decisions were made at this meeting. We explored **possibilities**.

- Mary explained a draft chart which lists all the key duties for the four age groups: Early Child (K3 or K5 through Grade 2), Intermediate (Grades 3-Grade 8), Youth (High School), and Adult. A column for Parish Community Life and for Human Concerns list additional duties.
- Each of these groups has one Minister: Early Child (30 hours per week), Intermediate (40 hours), Youth (40 hours), and Adult (30 hours). The proposed Pastoral Associate (40 hours) would lead Parish Community Life and Human Concerns has one 10 -18 hour per week Minister.
- The Archdiocese requires full benefits for any parish employee working 30 hours or more per week.

Sarah explained the difficulties of communicating, scheduling, and registration of Youth programs at the two parishes with only Sarah running the programs in both parishes.

- In the past year, the Youth programs have been different in curriculum, with major differences in schedules. Because of overlap in scheduling, there were some days when Sarah had to miss a class at one parish to attend a class at the other parish.
- The students at St. Bruno meet the second and fourth Sunday nights.
- At St. Paul, the students have four weeks on and 4 weeks off.
- Sarah would like the Youth curriculum at the two parish be identical but at different times. Regardless of membership at St. Paul or St. Bruno, the student could elect to attend at either parish, but would commit to one.

Karen and Amy explained the two curricula for the children programs.

- At St. Paul, the Family Program and first grade meets the first and third Sundays (encompasses 3yr olds through 8th grade); Family Program consists of two components, each an hour long: 1st hour is the whole family and the second hour is grade specific and parents remain for formation
- Karen uses Catechesis of the Good Shepherd as the curriculum for 3, 4, and 5 year olds at St. Paul. They meet the first, second, and third Sundays of the month.
- Tuesday evenings, on the first, second, and third weeks of the month, Karen meets with 1 Grade – Grade 5 (First grade can choose either Sunday morning or Tuesday evening)
- The Middle School children meet Sunday nights every other month (one month on, one month off – same as high school).
- Amy's curriculum for K3-Grade 8 at St. Bruno meet the second, third and fourth Sunday of each month, with the third Sunday a K3-Grade 8 a family session.

Possibilities:

- The programs at St. Bruno and St. Paul would meet on opposite Sundays.
- At St. Bruno, the Early Child programs would meet in the morning, Intermediate in classrooms without parents, and the Youth after Mass. The Youth would also have an evening or morning option.
- There would be no Family program at St. Bruno, but families may choose to go to the St. Paul Family program.

- St. Bruno would have a Family at Nazareth once a month which is part of the Human Concerns ministry.
- At St. Paul, the Family program would be for families with children K3 – Grade 8.
- At St. Paul, the Youth and Middle School programs would meet Sunday evening.
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd would be held the first and third Sundays for 20 sessions, starting in September through April or May (depending on when Easter falls).

Other Business

- The Totus Tuus checks were mailed. Host families are need for the college students leading the program: two women and two men. The women and men may not stay with the same family. The program will be the last week of July.
- Catholic ID is on hold; too much going on with the Strategic Initiatives to start something new.
- The Year of Mercy day long retreat for both parishes will be considered next meeting.
- Congratulations to Sarah for being the MC at a superb and magnificent Wisconsin Catholic Youth Rally!

The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Please note our next meeting is not at our normal night:

The next meeting is Wednesday, March 30, 7pm at St. Paul

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Diodato